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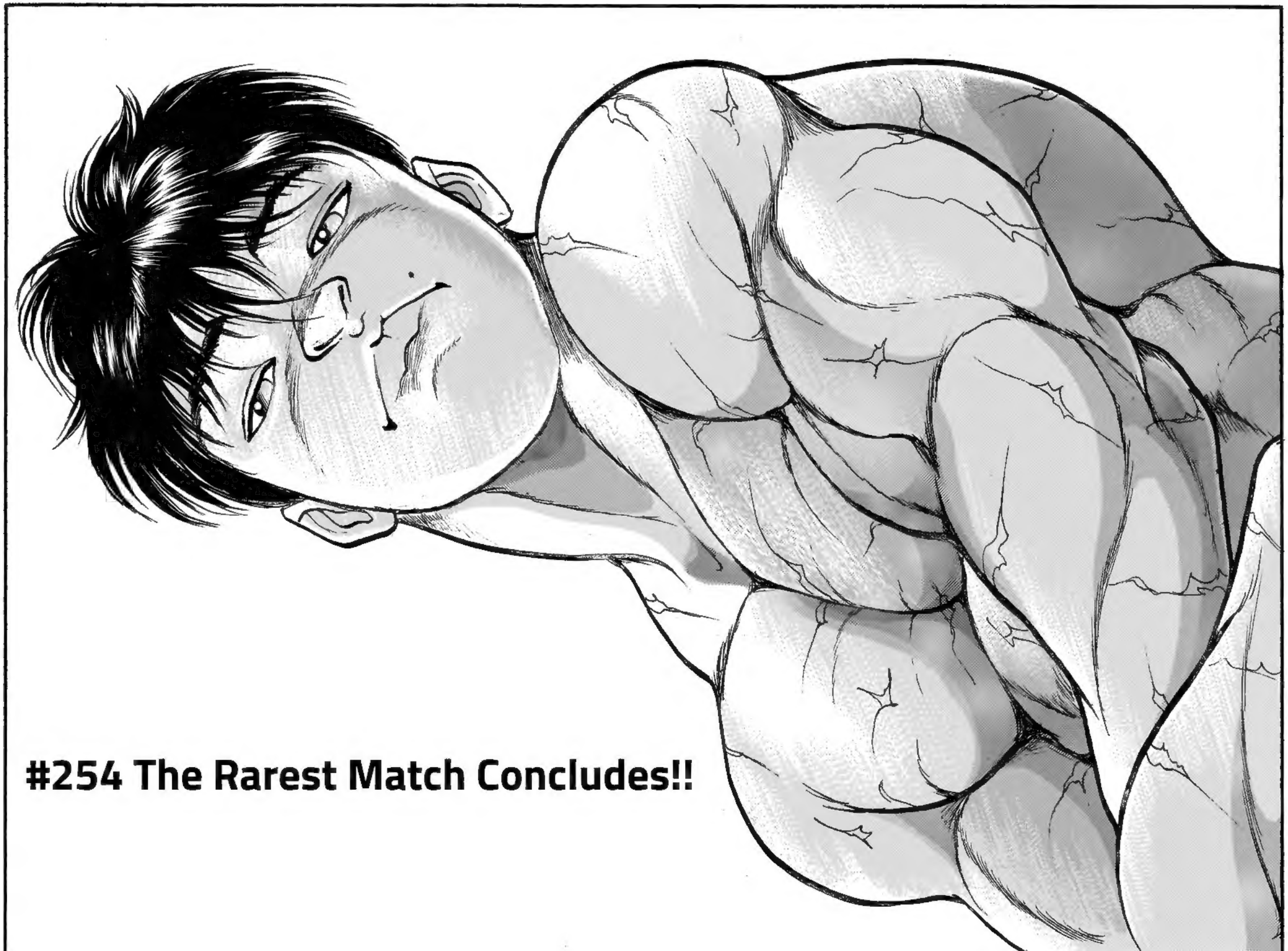


#254 The Rarest Match Concludes!!

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY WILD!!!
THEY'RE JUST DUKING IT OUT!!!

...THE HEAVY WEIGHT CHAMP, WHO'S NOW FIGHTING BARE-KNUCKLE!!!
CHIHARU SHIBA TRADES BLOWS WITH IRON MICHAEL !!!
THIS BIKER THUG IS PUNCHIN IT OUT AGAINST ...

WHAT A TERRIFYING SIGHT!

...FACING THE WORLD'S TOP POUND-FOR-POUND PUNCHING EXPERT...

I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND RUDE, BUT...

...IS THIS TOTAL AMATEUR, WHO'S MANAGING TO FIRE BACK WITHOUT MISSING A STEP!

HOW IS HE CAPABLE OF THAT ...?

HOW?

NO WAY YOU'D KNOW HOW, RIGHT ?

IS IT WORTH GOING *THAT FAR* JUST TO BE CALLED "THE STRONGEST ON EARTH"?

MR. KUREHA?

PERHAPS IT'S INCOMPREHENSIBLE TO A WOMAN SUCH AS YOURSELF..

HOWEVER...

...BUT EVERY MAN KNOWS THAT TITLE IS WORTH OBTAINING AT ANY COST.

...THIS CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS *ABNORMAL.*

...THAT BEING SAID ...

...ISN'T ENOUGH TO MAKE THEM GO *THIS FAR...*

SIMPLY WANTING SOMETHING...

YA GOTTA QUIT, CAPTAIN!

CAPTAIN !!!

YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH, CAPTAIN !!!

虎

WE'VE ALL SEEN YOUR GRIT!

PLEASE STOP THIS!

WHOA!

CHIHARU GOES FLYING!

GRAB

CAPTAIN! IT'S ALREADY OVER!!!

PLEASE, STOP!!!

WHA?!

HEY, DAMMIT.

WHOA!

...!

QUIT YER CRYIN' ...

...!

...!

...TO THAT FUCKIN' GREEN-HORN?

YOU THINK I'D LOSE ...

HA HA...

GAH!

I'M THE KAMIKAZE CAPTAIN, REPPIN' EVERY THUG IN JAPAN.

DON'T YOU FORGET...

IT'S LIKE I'M YOUR POPS.

I'M REPPING THE CLAN.

...!

!

...MIGHT BE IMPOSSIBLE!

BEATIN' HIM...

MAYBE I CAN'T WIN, BUT...

BIG BROOO !!!

I GOTTA TAKE THIS SHOT, AT LEAST ONCE!

THE WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION THERE?

AND SINCE I'M REPPIN' Y'ALL..

...THEN AT LEAST ONCE DURING THIS FIGHT...

CRUNCH
...I GOTTA PUT SOME FEAR IN HIM!!!

IT'S MICHAEL'S SECOND, SAM!!!

AAH!

THE MATCH IS OVER !!!

THIS IS A SERIOUS VIOLATION OF THE RULES!

#255 Russia's Strongest Warrior!!

THE GRAPPLER
RAKIZA
THE GRAPPLER
RAKIZA

THE MATCH IS OVERRRRR!!!

CAPTAIN!

AND OUR SURVIVOR IS...

...CHIHARU SHIBAAAA!!!
WOOOOO

THIS IS A MIRACLE!!!

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE !!!

CHIHARU SHIBA, THE AMATEUR...

THIS...

AAAAH

...THE MAN OF STEEL, IRON MICHAEL!!!

...HAS OVER-COME...

I'LL STOP YOU AS MANY TIMES AS I NEED TO!!!

WHY DID YOU STOP—

TEN TIMES! TWENTY TIMES!

THIRTY TIMES! A *HUNDRED TIMES!*

WHY...

MICHAEL
!!!

WAS IT JUST SO YOU COULD WIN SOME STREET FIGHT?!

WHY DID GOD GIVE YOU THESE FISTS?!

REMEMBER, MICHAEL...

AND *YOU* ARE THE NUMBER ONE MAN IN THE HISTORY OF THAT GREAT SPORT...!!!

MANKIND HAS SPENT HUNDREDS OF YEARS TURNING SIMPLE CONTESTS OF STRENGTH INTO THE ART WE KNOW AS BOXING...

...

QUIT FILLING HIS HEAD WITH NONSENSE!

SULLIVAN ...

SO HE'S BACK..

...

...

HE RAN AWAY...

HA HA...

HE'S NOTHING BUT TALK...

HEH!

WOOOO
CONGRATS, CHIHARU SHIBA!!!
THE GREAT AMATEUR, CHIHARU SHIBA!!!

AND IN THE END, HE WON BY SMASHING HIS FACE INTO MICHAEL'S FIST!!!

HE GOT INTO A SLUGFEST WITH IRON MICHAEL, ONE OF THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD, AND DIDN'T BACK DOWN!

IT'S BOUND TO BE CONTROVERSIAL !!!

SOME MAY QUESTION WHY AN AMATEUR LIKE HIM WAS ALLOWED INTO A TOURNAMENT LIKE THIS!!!

...ONLY HAS TO LOOK AT THE ASTOUNDING DISPLAY THIS "AMATEUR" JUST SHOWED TO US ALL!!!

HOWEVER, ANYONE WHO EVER QUESTIONED THE VALUE OF A QUALITY LIKE "GUTS" IN A COMPETITION LIKE THIS...

HE MAY BE SCORNED BY SOCIETY!

AND THERE GOES CHIHARU SHIBA, LEAVING THE ARENA WITH THE HELP OF HIS CREW!

BUT IN MY EYES, HE LOOKS ALMOST...

...AS SUBLIME AS CHRIST COMING OFF THE CROSS!!!

HUFF

HUFF

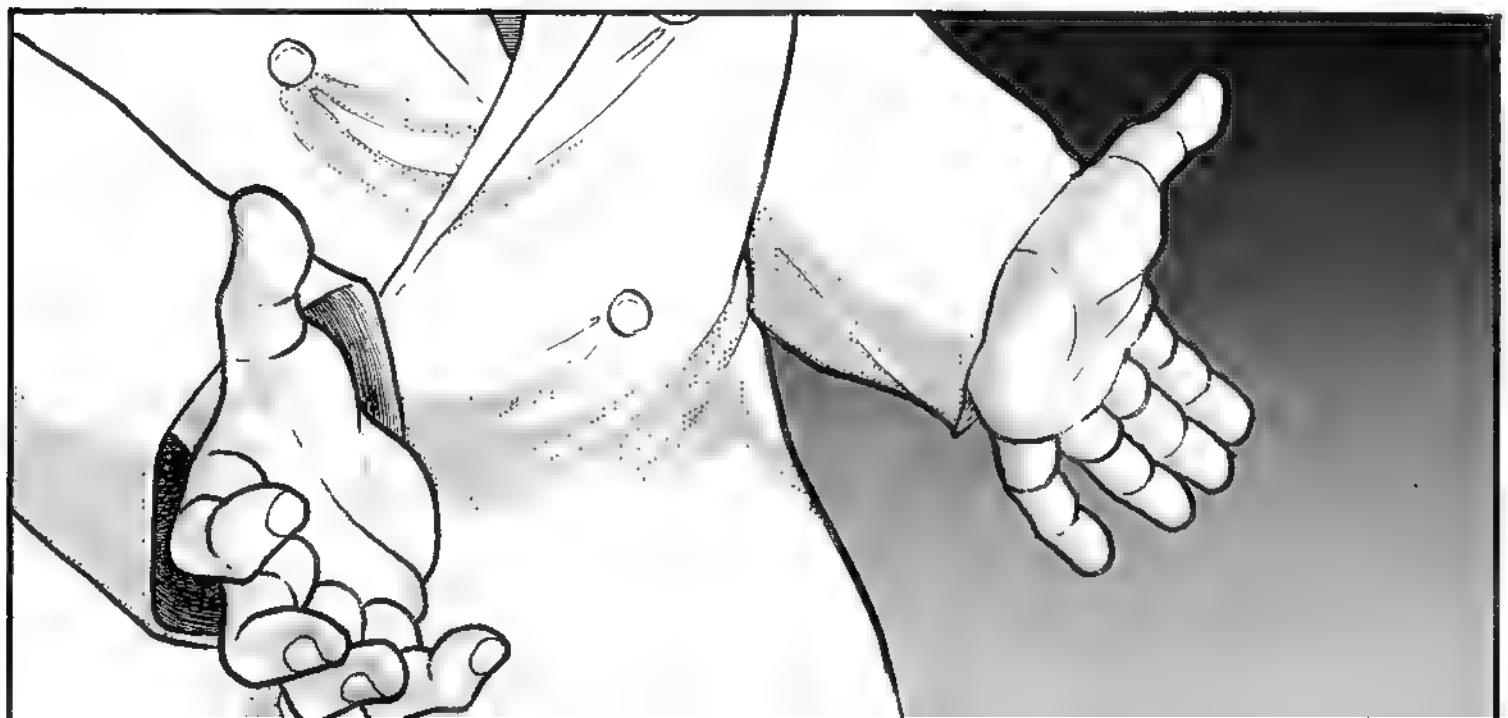
DRAG

!!!

...!

OSU ...

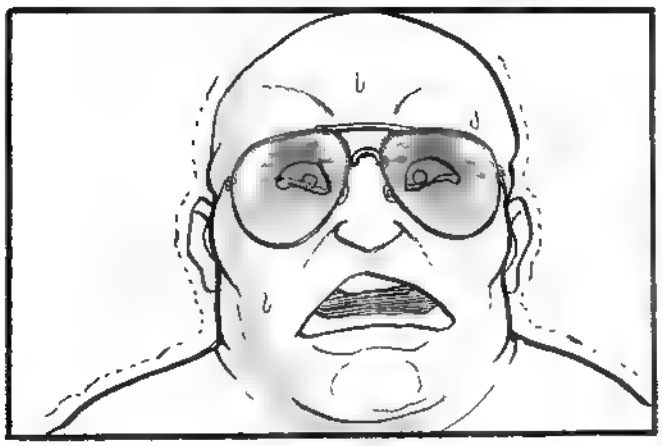
EXCUSE ME, SIR!



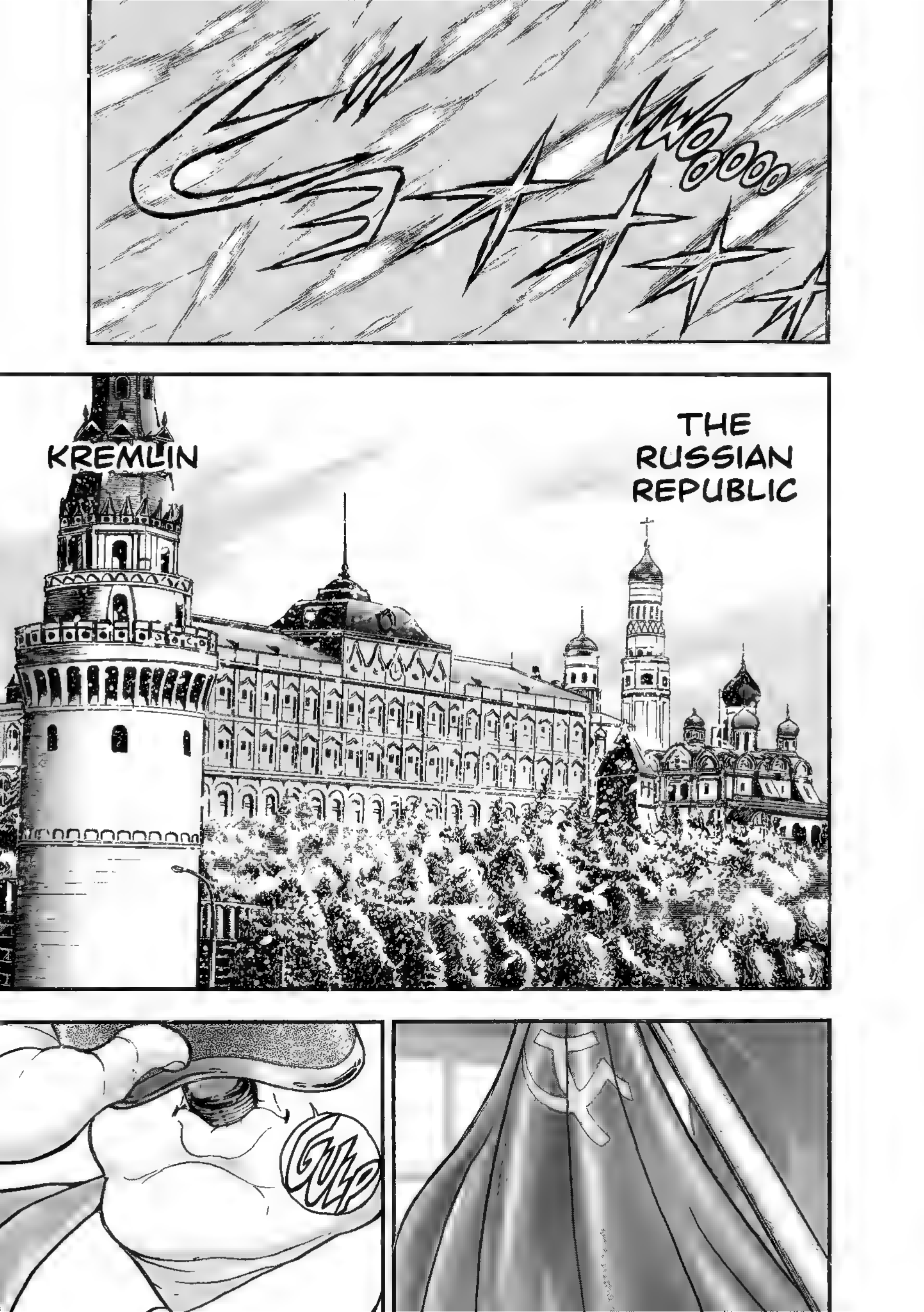
GRAB

THAT WAS A GOOD FIGHT...

...!!!



YOU ARE A MODEL THUG...


THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC
KREMLIN
GULP

TAKTAROV, THE SAMBO FIGHTER, LOST, EH?

KEH HEH HEH HEH!

THINGS HAVE GOTTEN INTERESTING.

WE JUST RECEIVED AN INTERNATIONAL CALL FROM THE MAN HIMSELF, SIR...

KEH HEH HEH

I BELIEVE THIS IS THE IDEAL TURN OF EVENTS TO MAKE THE MIGHT OF US, THE PEOPLE OF THE RUSSIAN REPUBLIC, KNOWN...

HE SAID IF THE RUSSIAN REP WAS DEFEATED AND THERE IS A SLOT OPEN, HE WOULD CONSIDER IT.

WHAT DOES GALLEN HIMSELF THINK ON THE MATTER?

THERE IS NO WAY *THAT MAN* CAN RESIST FIGHTING.

...AND HAS GONE 600 BOUTS *UNDEFEATED!*

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAN WHO HAS WRESTLED FOR TWENTY YEARS...

HUFF

HUFF

HUFF

OLD MAN.

I SIMPLY CAN'T APPROVE OF A PUBLIC SLAUGHTER.

I'M AFRAID I CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO ENTER ANOTHER MATCH.

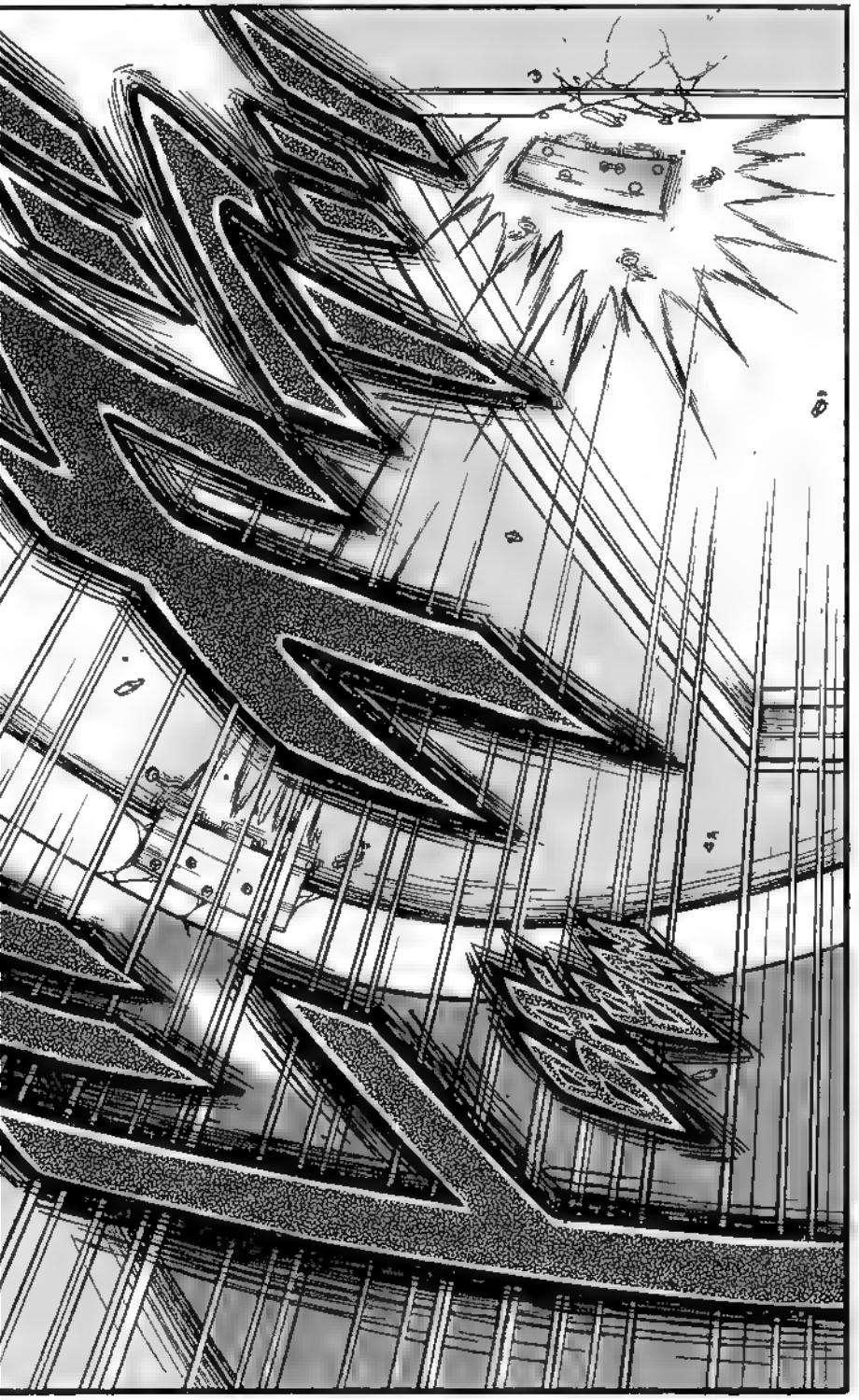
I'M FIGHTIN' THE NEXT MATCH!

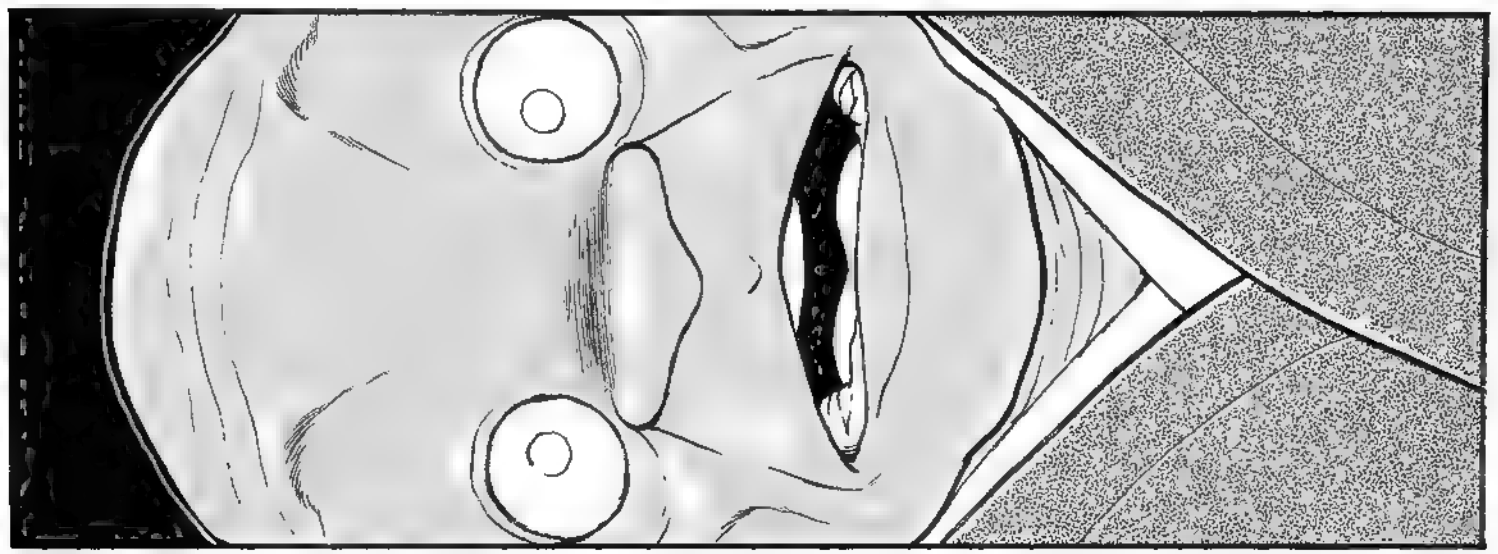
ALL OF THE CONDITIONS ARE SET!
YES!

THERE'S NO REASON TO TURN YOU DOWN FROM ENTERING NOW...!

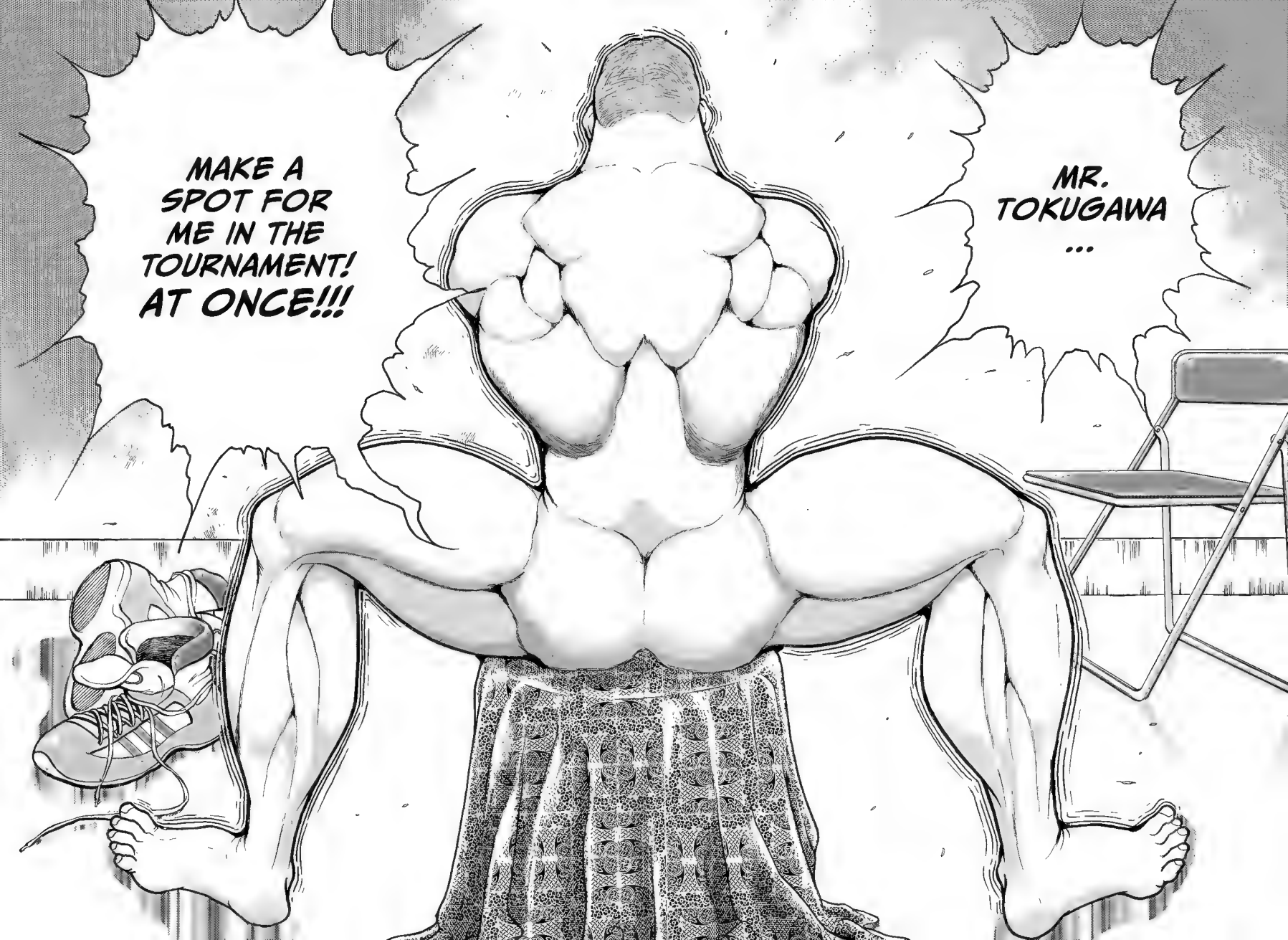
GULP

...ALEXANDER GALLEN!!!

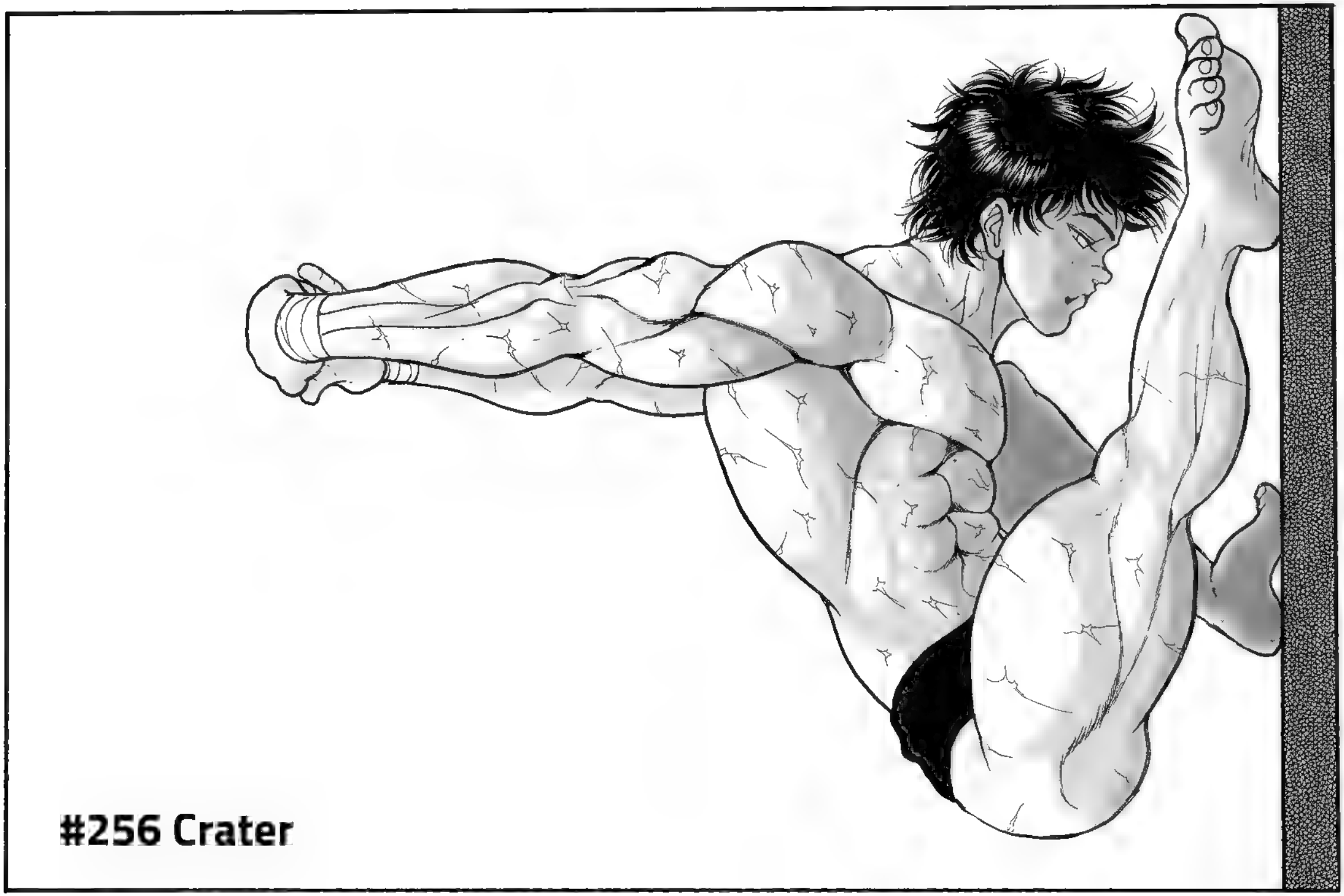




KATHOOM
...!
T-TAK-TAROV !!!
G...
GALLEN ...


MAKE A SPOT FOR ME IN THE TOURNAMENT! AT ONCE!!!
MR. TOKUGAWA ...

THE GRAPPLER
RAKIZA
THE GRAPPLER
RAKIZA



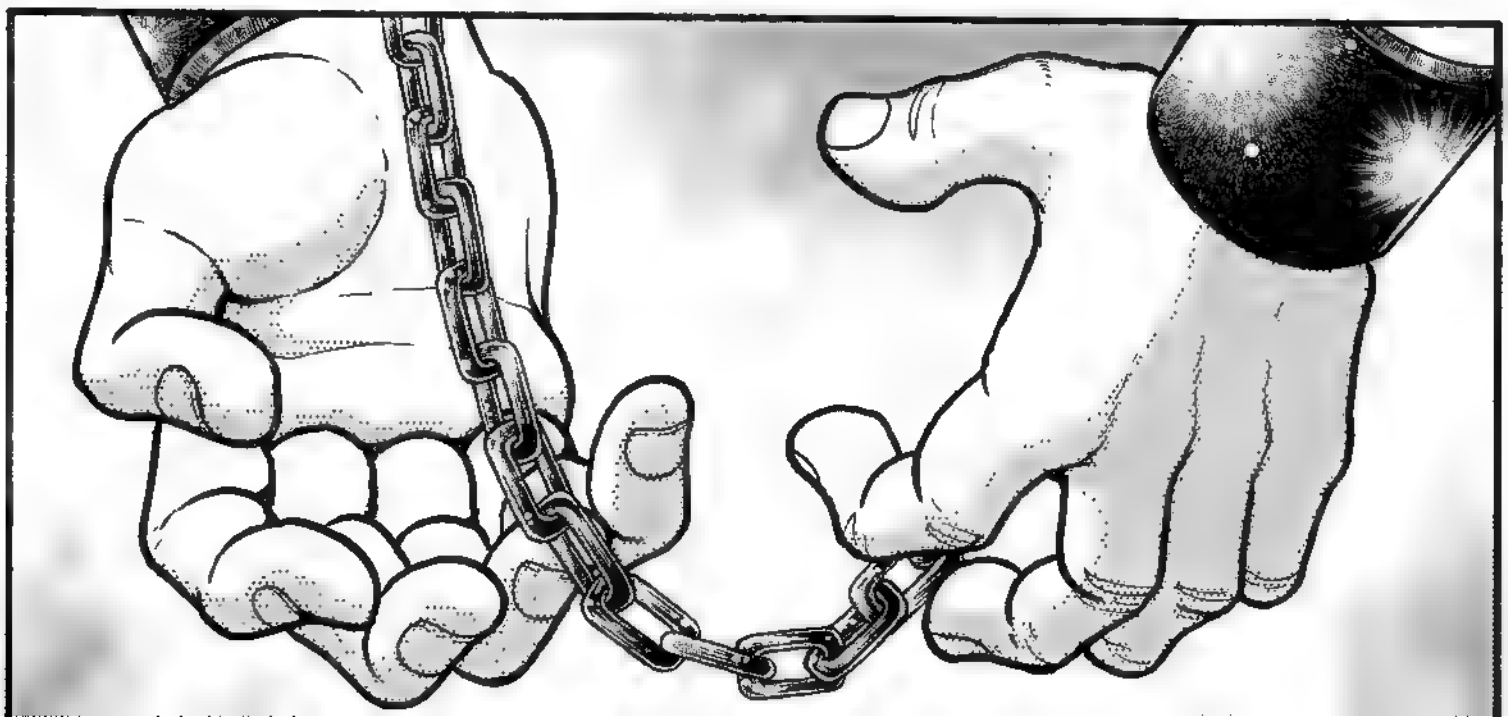
#256 Crater

AT ONCE!!!

MAKE A SPOT FOR ME IN THE TOURNAMENT!

GALLEN...

G...



MR. TOKUGAWA.

HOOH

I WAS *MISTAKEN* ...

...TO EVER APPROVE OF TAKTAROV— THAT *NOVICE*— AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF RUSSIA.

SHAKE!!

PATAP

OOF
OMF

I'LL TOSS THEM TO THEIR DEATHS AND PROVE THE STRENGTH OF THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE !!!

BRING THE COMPETITORS TO THE ARENA !!!

HWOOOOOO
AGREED, MR. PRESIDENT.
I CAN'T RELAX UNLESS I DO MY WEEKLY CHECK OF YOU-KNOW-WHAT.
HWOOOOO
U61 71

LOOK AT THESE.

AND LOOK AT THIS HERE.

TWO TIMES MY SIZE.

HUMON-GOUS WORK BOOTS.

CAN YOU EVEN BELIEVE IT, MAKOEV?

IT'S A 100-KILO PICKAXE.

IF THAT FALLS AND CRUSHES YOU, THEN I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO HELP YOU BY MYSELF.

HEY, NOW.

WOOF

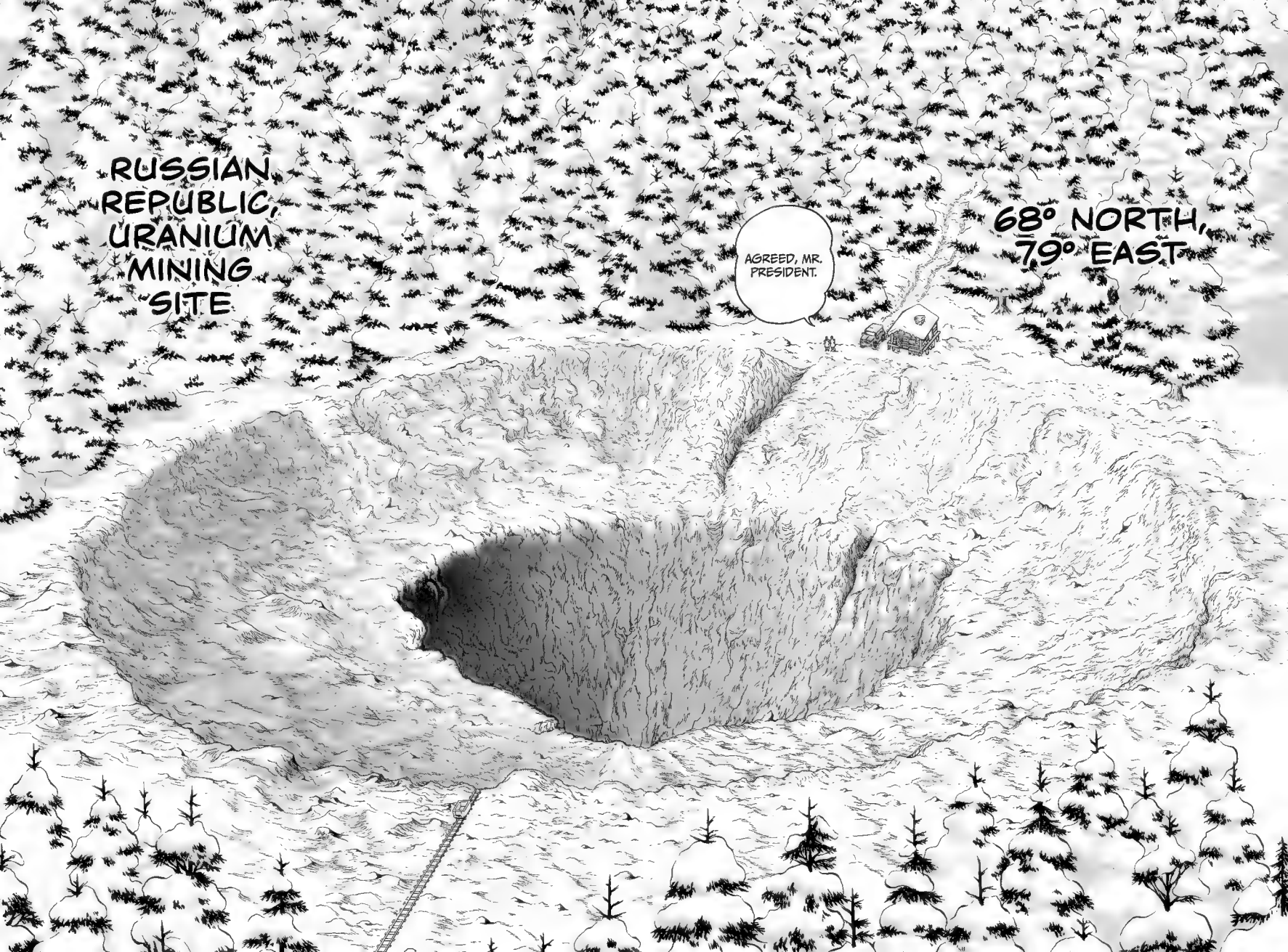
...TO DO *THIS* ALL ON HIS OWN.

AND GALLEN MANAGED...

EVERY TIME I SEE THIS GREAT FEAT, I BELIEVE, FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...

YOU KNOW SOMETHING, MAKOEV?

...THAT *RUSSIA RULING THE WORLD* MAY NOT JUST BE SOME PIPE DREAM.


RUSSIAN REPUBLIC, URANIUM MINING SITE
AGREED, MR. PRESIDENT.
68° NORTH, 79° EAST

WHO'S THE BIG GUY?

G-GAL-LEN.

IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU, SIR!

MR. GALLEN!!!

WHAT THE HELL'S GOING ON?
THAT'S THE OLYMPIAN, ROGER HARLON, ISN'T IT?
SHŌRIN KENPŌ

AS I RECALL, YOU COMPETED FOR AMERICA, NO?

I SAW YOU AT THE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS TWO YEARS AGO.

...I WILL BE SURE TO BE GENTLE WHEN I *PIN YOU.*

IF THE DAY COMES WHEN WE MEET ON THE MAT...

NO NEED TO BUTTER ME UP.

HEY, YOU.

NOW HOLD ON A DAMN SECOND!

WHO THE FUCK SAID YOU COULD BE HERE?!

#257 Patriotism

IT'S A CRATER THAT NOT EVEN 2000 HEAVY-DUTY TRUCKS CAN FILL.
THIS ISN'T SOME BEACH. THIS IS PERMAFROST-BITTEN SIBERIA.
THAT MONSTER DUG THIS UP IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS.

ALL BY HIMSELF...

...HE CHOPPED DOWN MASSIVE TREES.

...HE PULLED OUT THEIR ROOTS...

ALL BY HIMSELF...

...AND DUG INTO THE FROZEN EARTH.

NEVERTHELESS, MR. PRESIDENT...

...WHAT DOES HE SAY TO HIMSELF IN ORDER TO KEEP AT A FEAT THIS GREAT?
WHAT DOES A LONE MAN THINK...

HOOO

IT'S *PATRIOTISM*, MAKOEV.

IT WAS TWO YEARS AGO...

...

PLEASE PUT THESE ON ME.

EXPLAIN WHY.

...

I WANT TO SUBMIT MYSELF.

I WANT TO SUBMIT MYSELF TO MOTHER RUSSIA.

...UNDER THE RULE OF RUSSIA!!!

I WANT PROOF THAT I AM...

I DON'T KNOW OF *ANYONE* AS PATRIOTIC AS GALLEN.

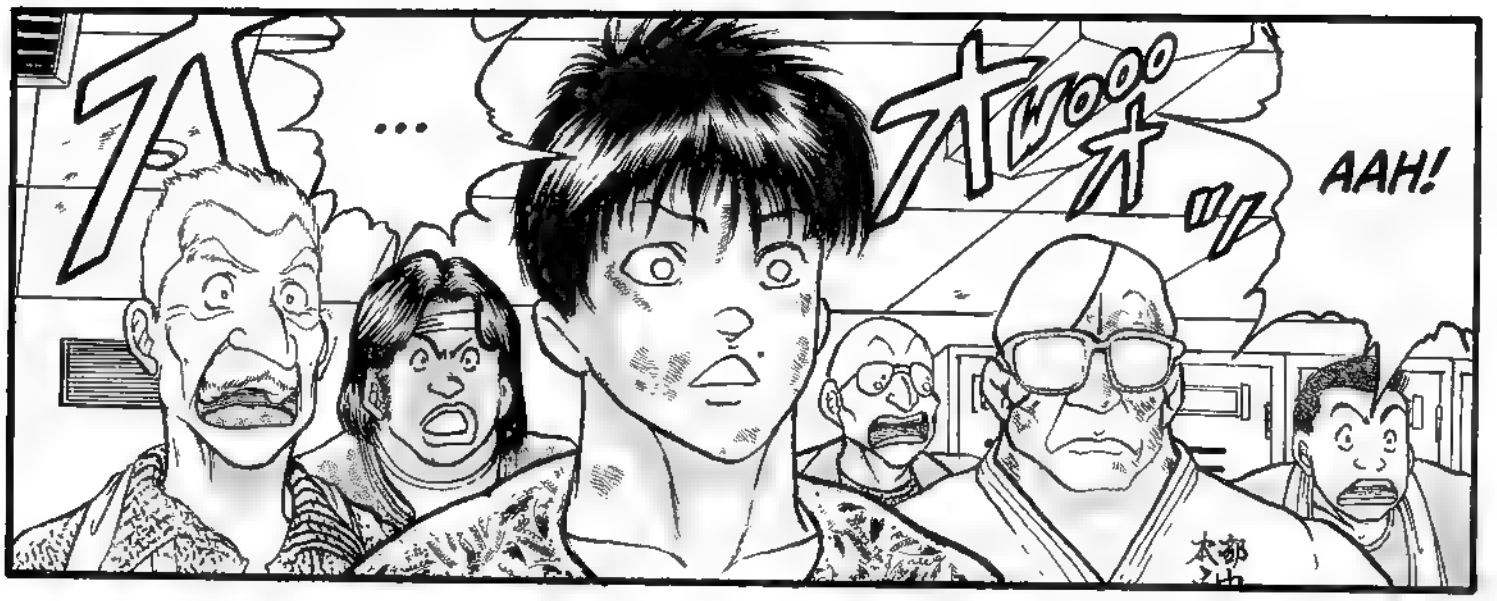
WE COULD LEARN A THING OR TWO FROM HIM.

INCLUDING *MYSELF.*

WHOOOOO IN THE HELL SAID YOU COULD BE HERE, FUCKER?!

YOU, EH?

"YOU, EH"?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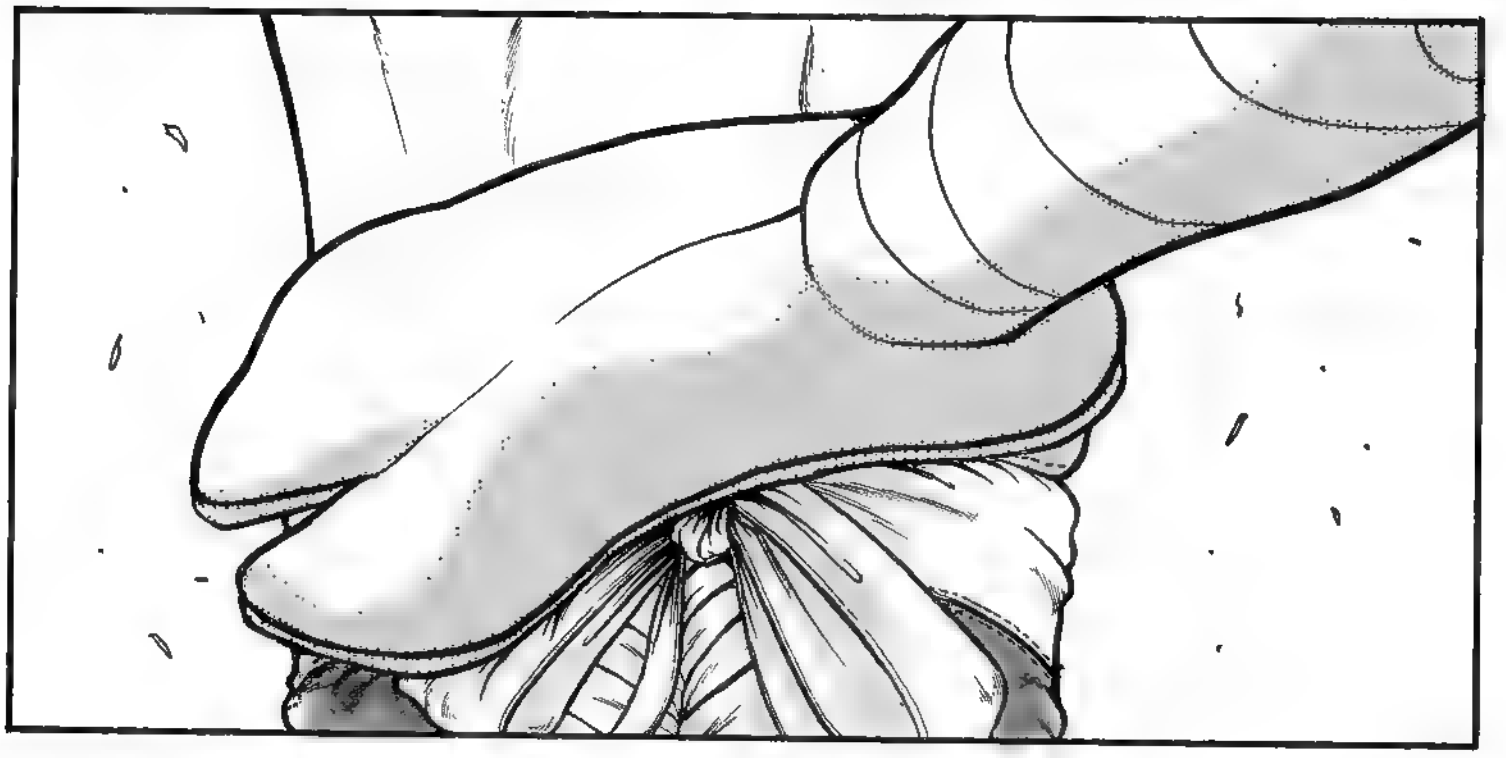
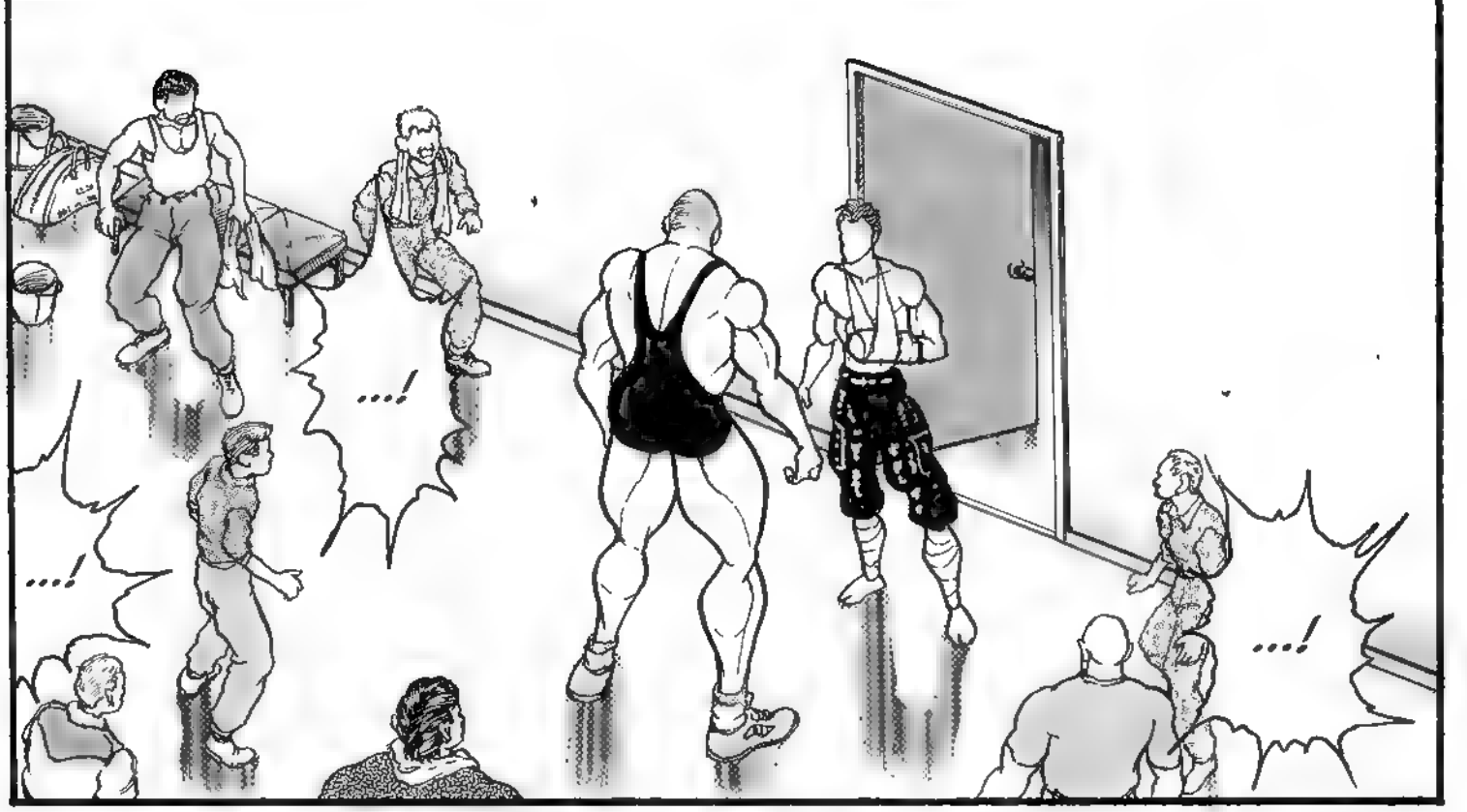


DON'T TELL ME YOU EXPECT TO BE MY STAND-IN, DO YA? WELL, DO YA?!

YOU...

WAZ-
ZAT?

...ARE *NOT* WORTHY OF BEING A COMPETITOR.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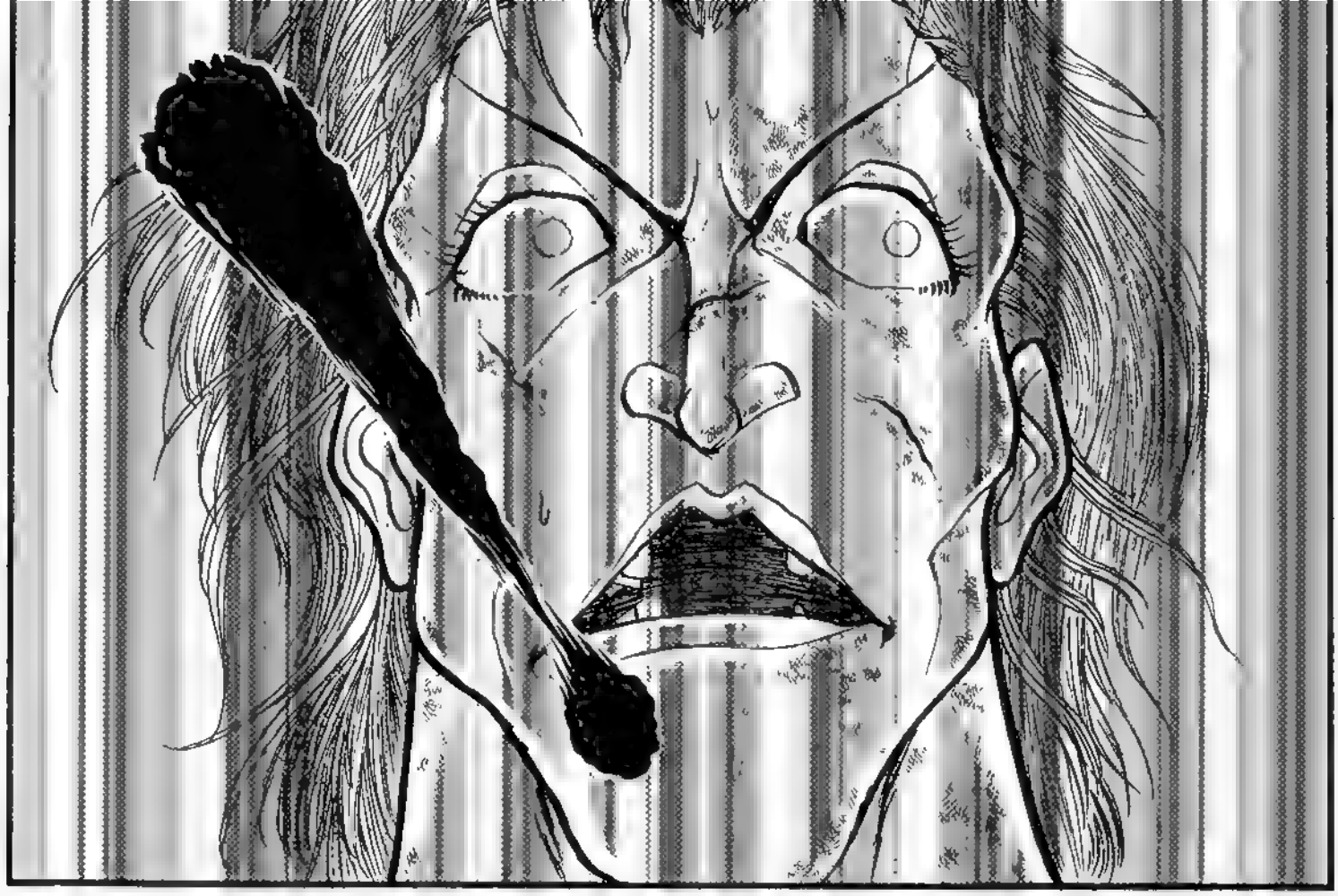
OH, NOW IT'S FUCKIN' ON...

TAK

YOW ...!

!!!
SJUMP



ALL HAIL OF

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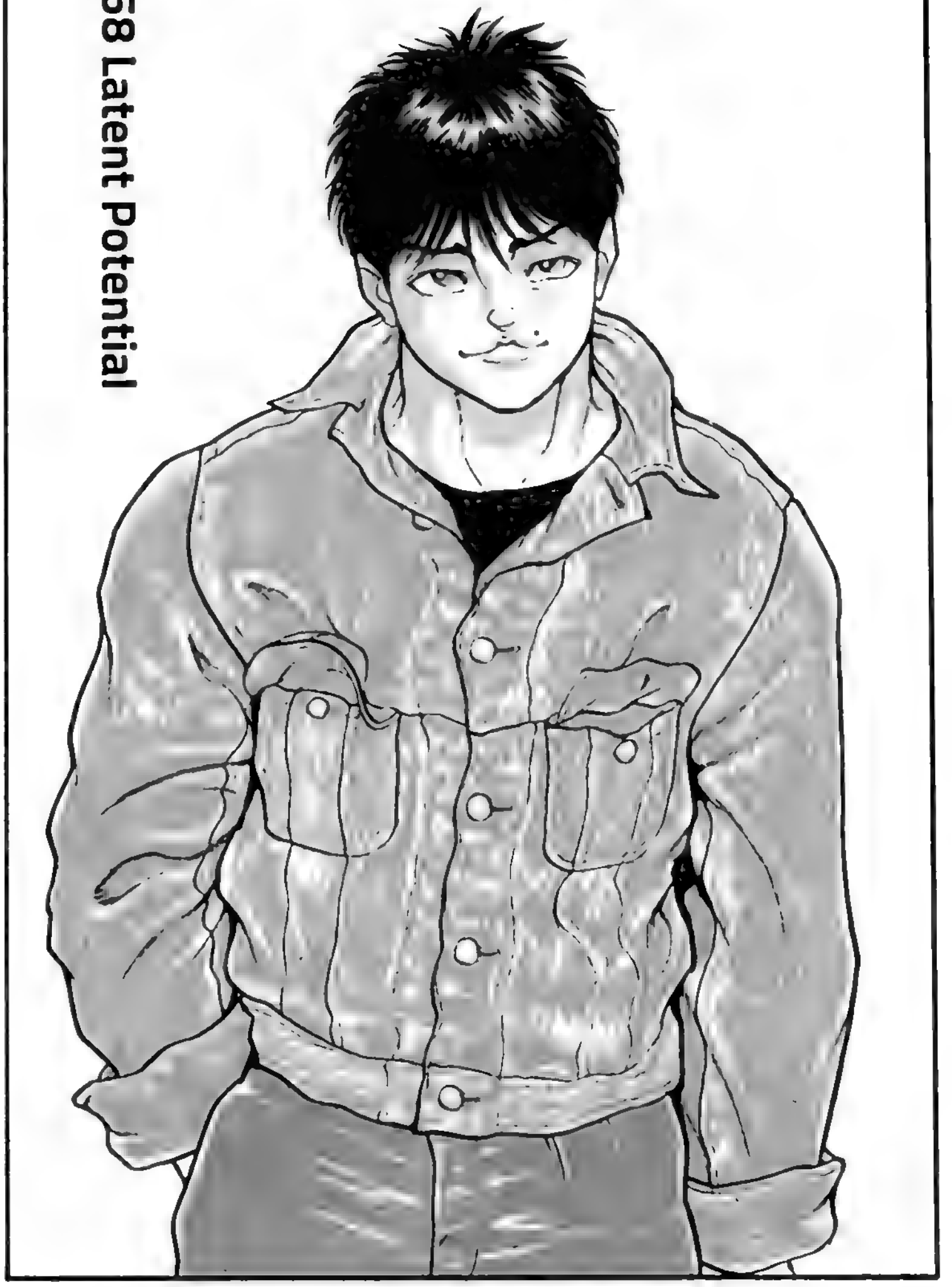
…!
…!
…!

HOW ABOUT YOU PLAY WITH *ME* INSTEAD?

#258 Latent Potential



HOW ABOUT YOU PLAY WITH ME INSTEAD?

KA-BOOM

INCH
INCH

...!

HE'S NOT GOING DOWN...

!
!
NIKE

Y'KNOW, JUST BETWEEN YOU AND ME, MAKOEV...

I DON'T QUITE FOLLOW, SIR.

...

...THE MAN KNOWN AS GALLEN IS ACTUALLY A *TOTAL AMATEUR* AT WRESTLING.

HE *NEVER* ACTUALLY RECEIVED ANY WRESTLING TRAINING.

IT'S THE TRUTH.

IT IS NO JOKE.

AH HAH, TRYING TO GET ME WITH THAT RUSSIAN SENSE OF HUMOR, SIR?

LONG STORY SHORT, HE HAS BEEN WINNING EVERY MATCH ON *LATENT POTENTIAL* ALONE.

GALLEN SIMPLY KNOWS THE RULES.

DO YOU GET WHAT I MEAN NOW?

IF HE LEARNED JUDO, HE'D RULE *JUDO*. IF HE LEARNED SUMO WRESTLING, HE'D RULE *SUMO WRESTLING*.

IF GALLEN LEARNED THE RULES TO BOXING, HE'D RULE *BOXING*.

AND HE'D DO IT ALL BY TOMORROW!

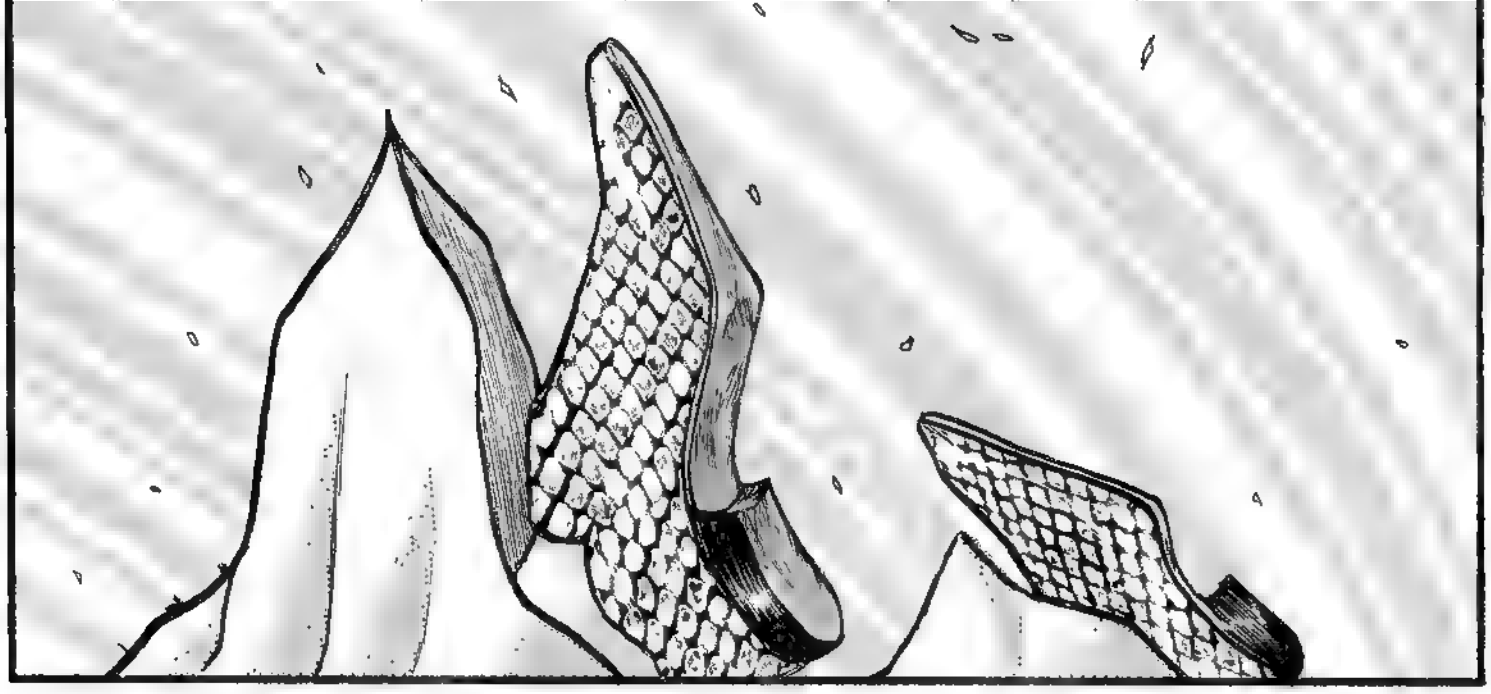
NAME ANY STYLE, ANY METHOD. AS LONG AS IT'S FIGHTING, HE CAN BECOME ITS *GRAND CHAMP!!!*

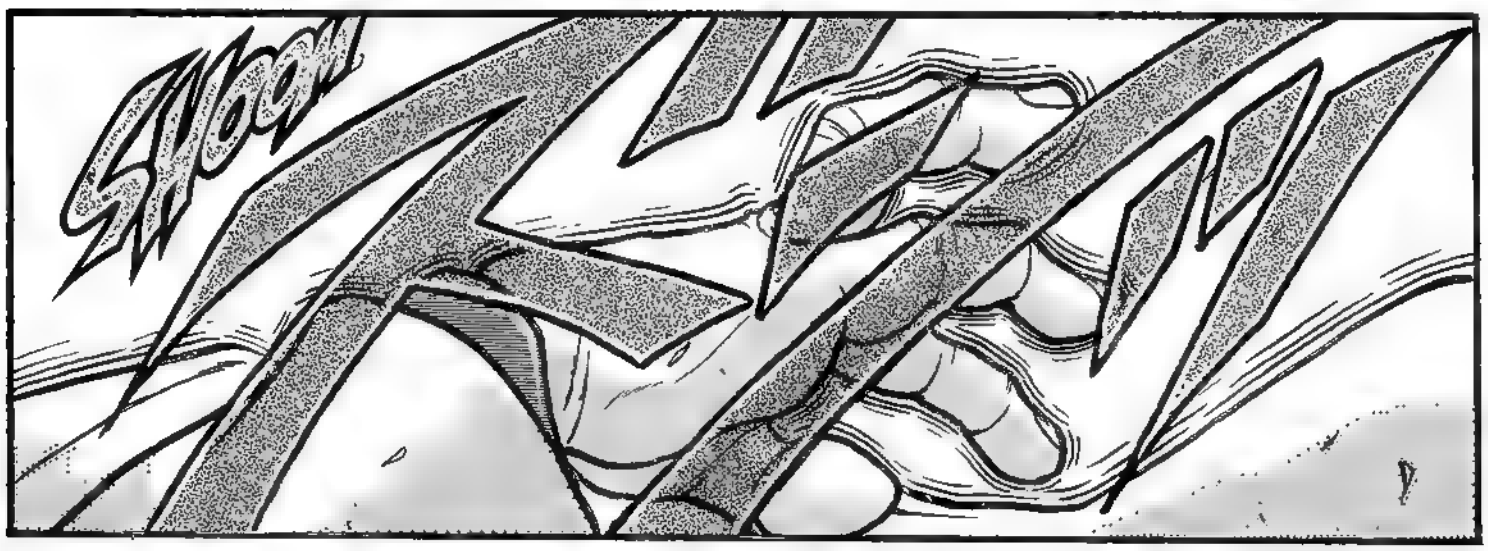
...IF HE LEARNED WEIGHTLIFTING, IT COULD BE AS EARLY AS *TODAY.*

NOT ONLY THAT, MR. PRESIDENT ...

HEY...

GRAK




SHOOM

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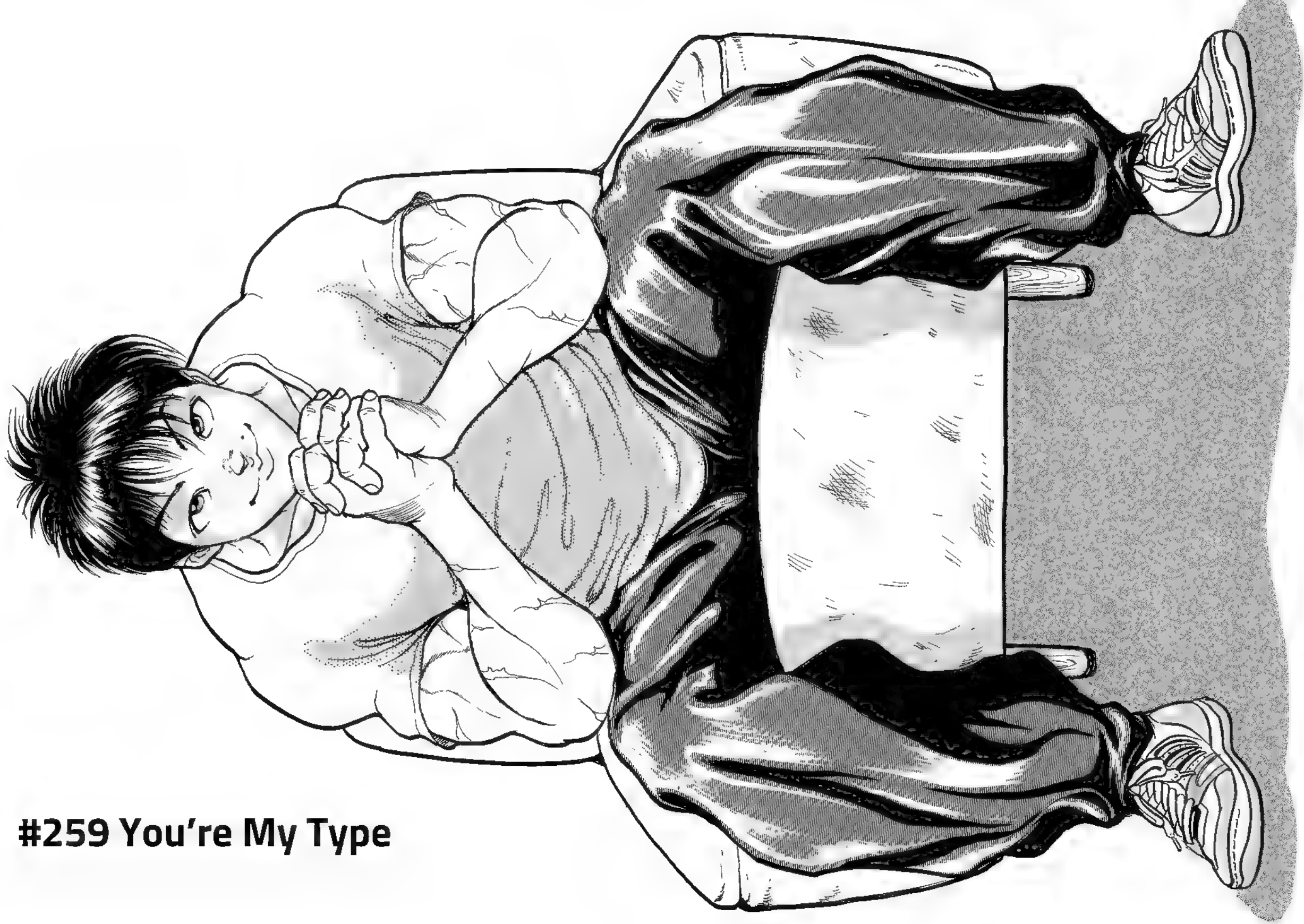
PERK



#259 You're My Type

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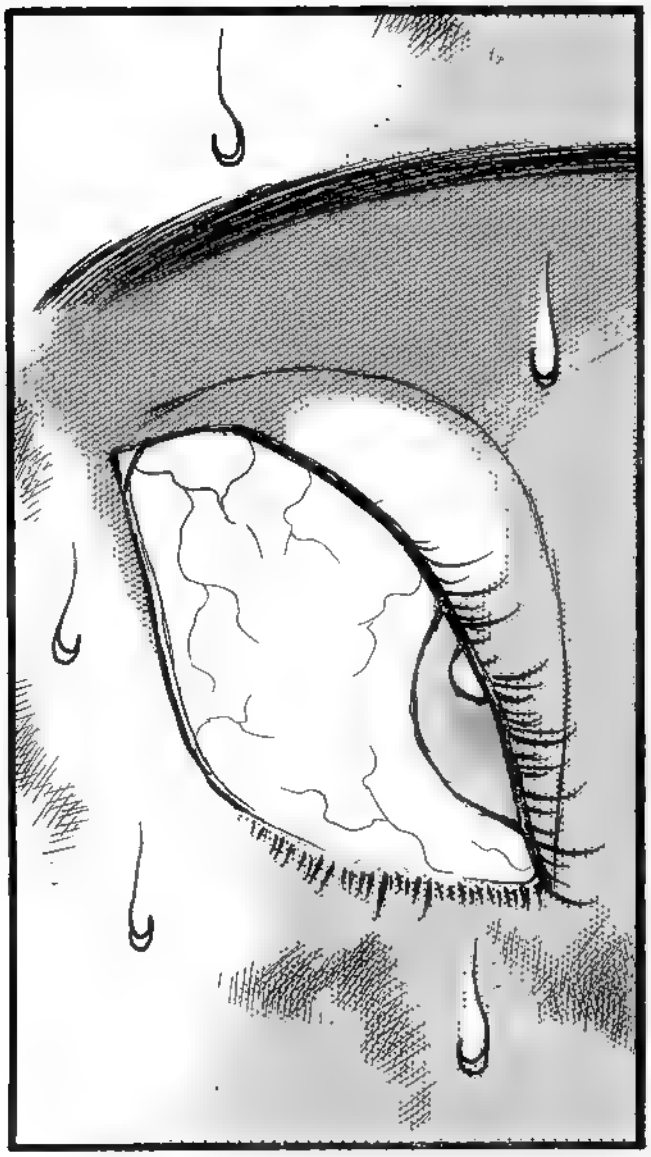
機動爆弾



...!
WHOMF

TOSHIBA

...ALEXANDER GALLEN.

J-JACK HAMMER ...

THE GREATEST MONSTER TO COME OUT OF MODERN-DAY WRESTLING ...

...THEN NO ONE HERE WILL OBJECT.

IF YOU'RE DECLARING YOURSELF AS RUSSIA'S REP...

YOU'RE MY TYPE.

SKELETAL STRUCTURE, MUSCULATURE, SIZE, RESUME— EVERY ELEMENT IS IMPECCABLE.

I WON'T BE LONG.

YOU JUST WAIT HERE A BIT.

THE SECOND ROUND, SIXTH MATCH!

WOOOO

A RARE MATCH-UP HAS COME TO FRUITION HERE!

JAPANESE ORTHODOX SHORINJI KEMPO, KENGO MISAKI!

VS.

PITFIGHTER, JACK HAMMER!

HEIGHT: 176 CM
WEIGHT: 72 KG

HEIGHT: 193 CM
WEIGHT: 116 KG

IN THE FIRST ROUND, BOTH OF THESE COMPETITORS FINISHED THEIR OPPONENTS IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

OOOH! THE MATCH IS ALREADY ABOUT TO START!!!

BOTH MEN, TO YOUR POSITIONS!

THEY ADVANCED TO THE SECOND ROUND UNSCATHED.

THE DIE HAS BEEN CAAAAAST!

BEGIN!

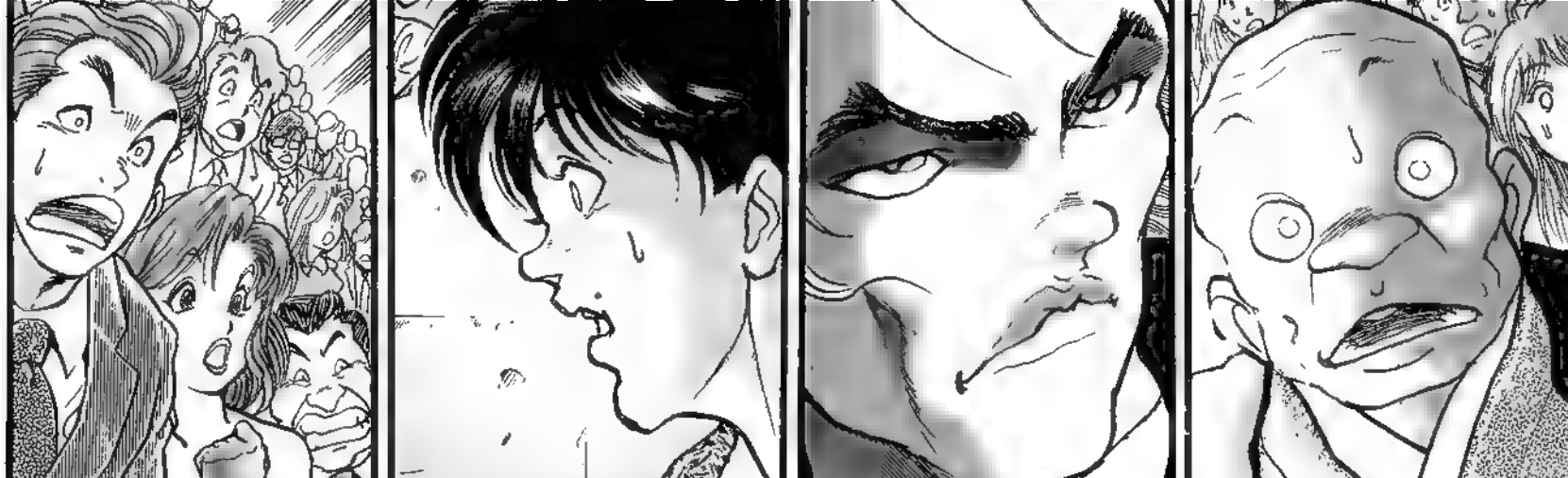
...UNFAZED AND COMPOSED, CLOSES THE DISTANCE!

MEANWHILE, JACK HAMMER...

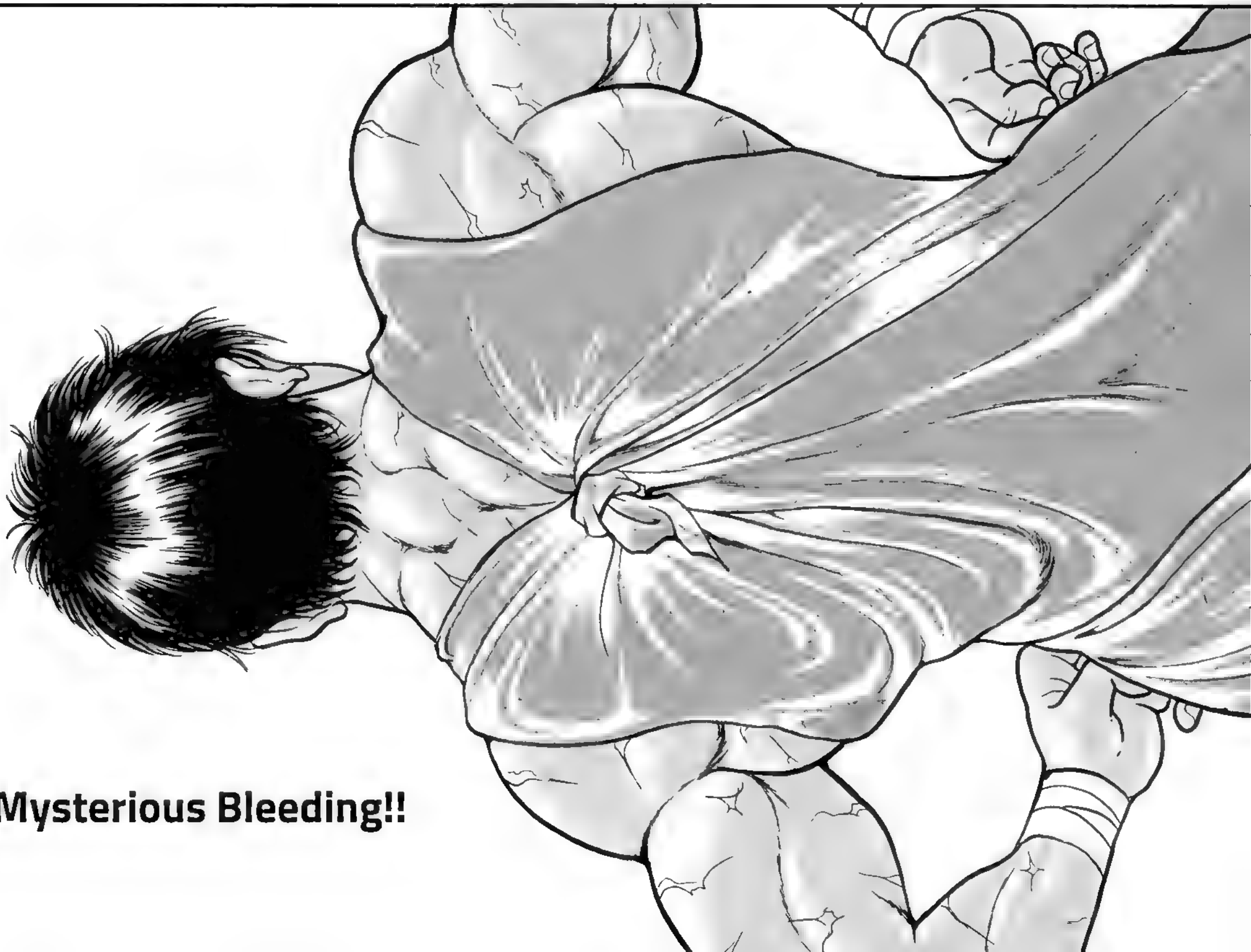
AS USUAL, KENGO MISAKI TAKES A STRICTLY DEFENSIVE STANCE!

THERE HE GOES!
PLAP

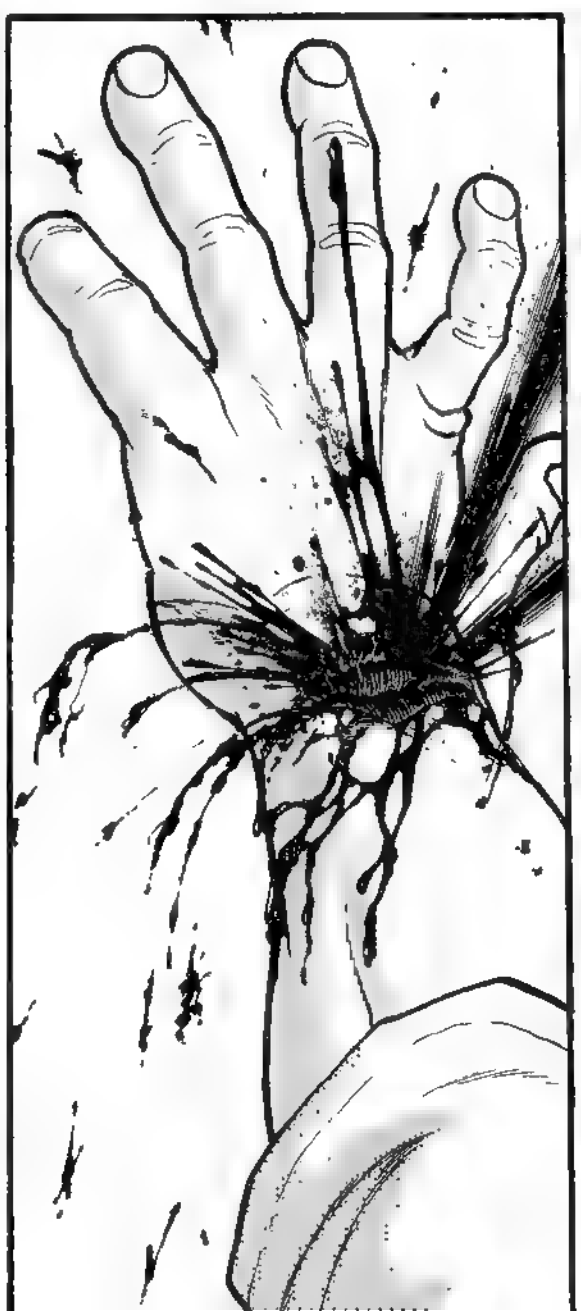
A FLURRY OF ORTHODOX SHORINJI FLYING SWALLOW STRIKES, SAID TO HIT TWELVE TIMES PER SECOND!
THE PITFIGHTER IS AT THE END OF HIS RO—
OOOH!



WHAT'S THIS?!!!
PSHHHHH



#260 Mysterious Bleeding!!



THIS RARE MATCH-UP HAS ALREADY DRAWN BLOOD!

HE'S BLEEDING!!!

...AND MANAGED TO LAUNCH A COUNTER WHILE REGAINING HIS FOOTING, ALL IN THE BLINK OF AN EYE!

KENGO MISAKI FENDED OFF JACK HAMMER'S RUSHDOWN USING HIS IMPREGNABLE DEFENSE...

HOWEVER, JACK HAMMER WASN'T THE ONE WHO SUSTAINED DAMAGE!!!

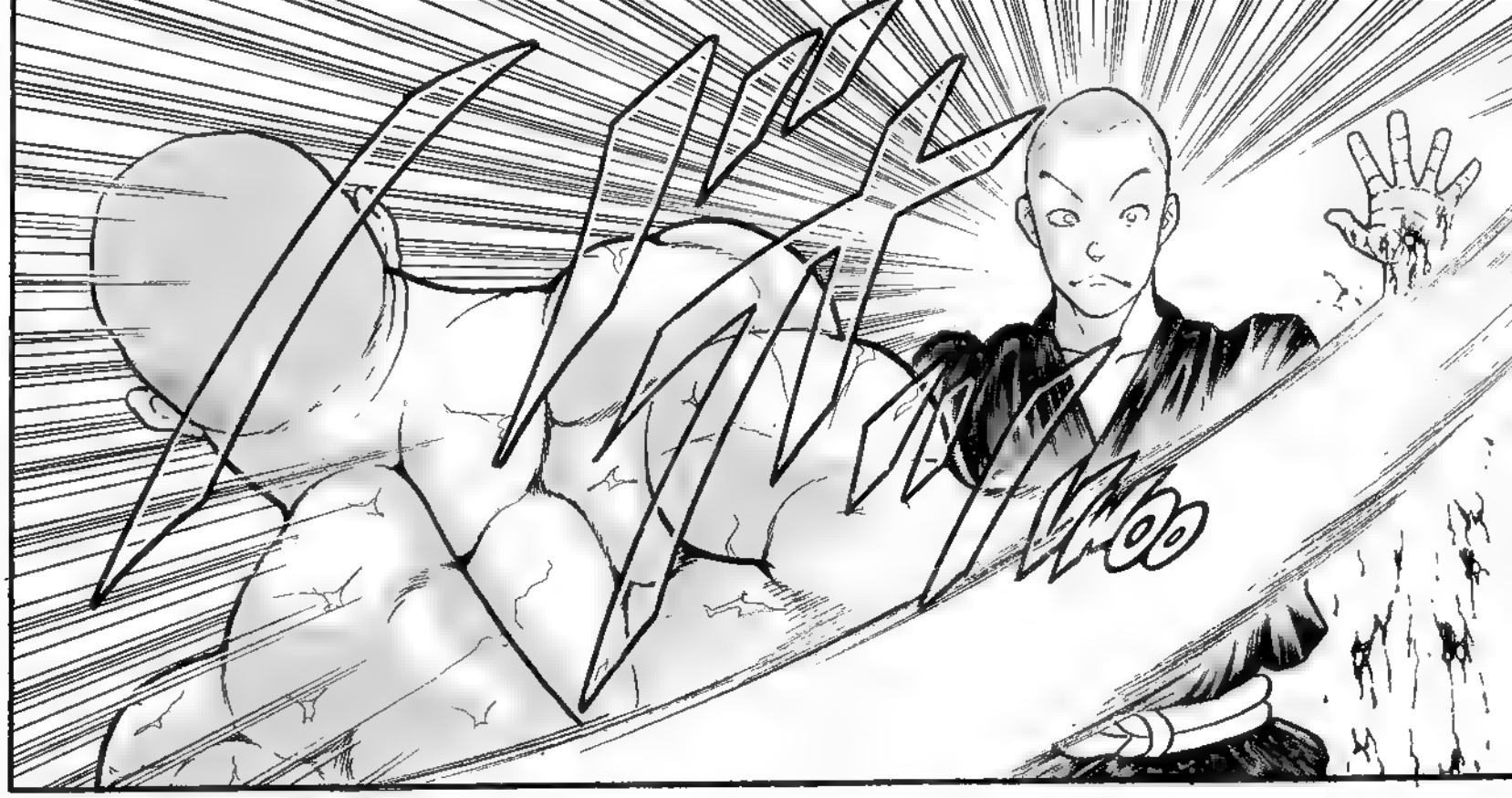
...HIS LEFT HAND IS BLEEDING PROFUSELY!!!

AS IF HE HAD A RUN IN WITH A KAMAITACHI* IN THE WIND...

*KAMAITACHI: A WIND SPIRIT WITH SICKLE-LIKE CLAWS.

WHAT TRANSPIRED IN THAT EXCHANGE?!

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!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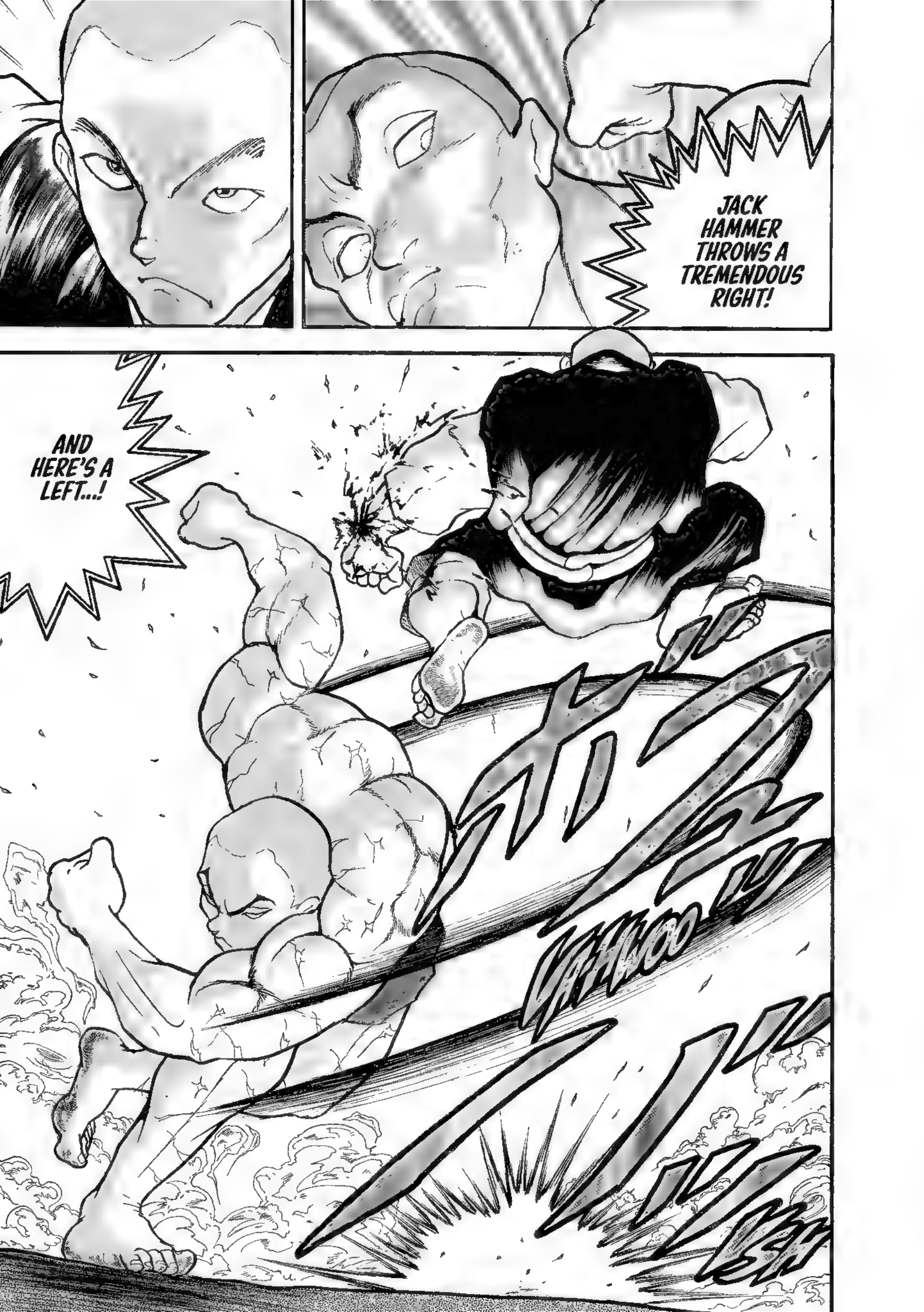

JACK HAMMER THROWS A TREMENDOUS RIGHT!
AND HERE'S A LEFT...!

A FLYING SIDE KIIIICK!

HE'S NOT SHOWING ANY WEAKNESS!!!

NEVERTHELESS, THAT IS CERTAINLY A WHOLE LOT OF BLOOD!

HE HAS NO INTENTION OF BACKING DOWN DESPITE THE INTENSE BLEEDING!

RABBL

IT MUST BE A WEAPON ...

HE'S GOTTA HAVE SOMETHING ON HIM.

JACK KEEPS PRESSING ON!

TRUE TO HIS NAME...

-PWASH

...HIS GIANT HAMMER-LIKE FISTS...

...ONE AFTER ANOTHER!

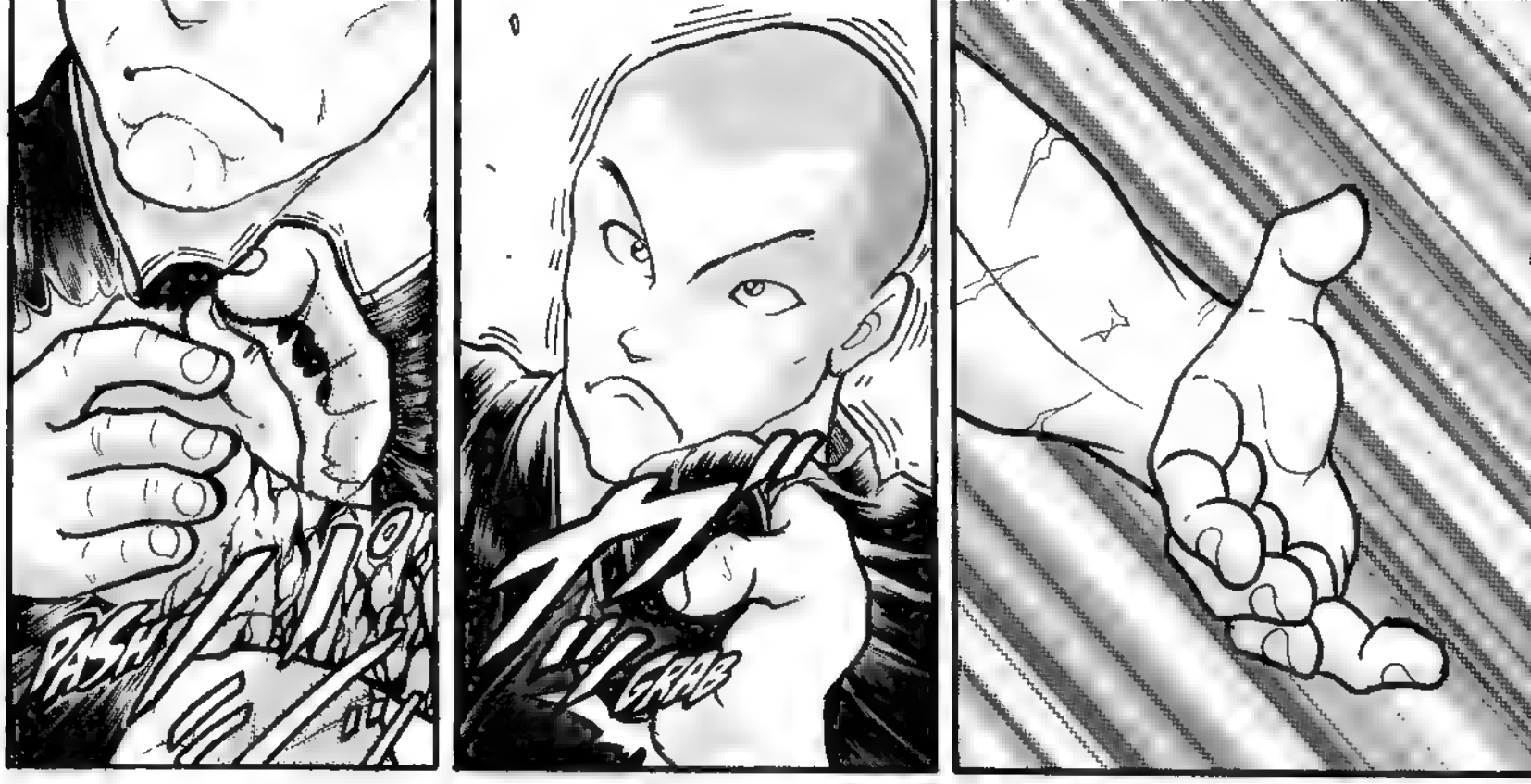
DASH!!

DASH!!

...KEEP ON COMING...

BUT THEY'RE NOT HITTING!

MISAKI IS INTERCEPTING EVERY STRIKE! IT'S LIKE HE'S SURROUNDED BY A BARRIER!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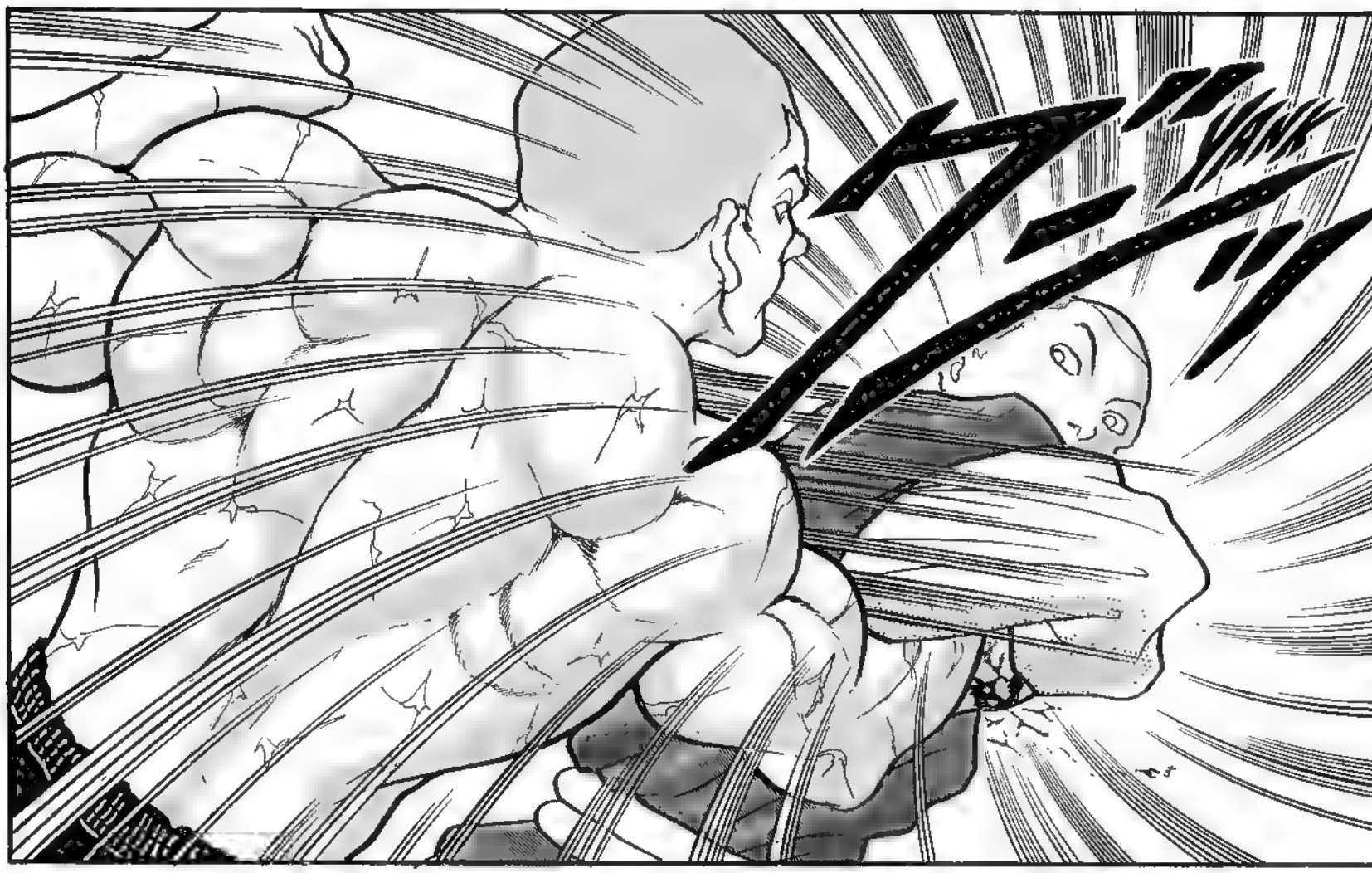
GRAB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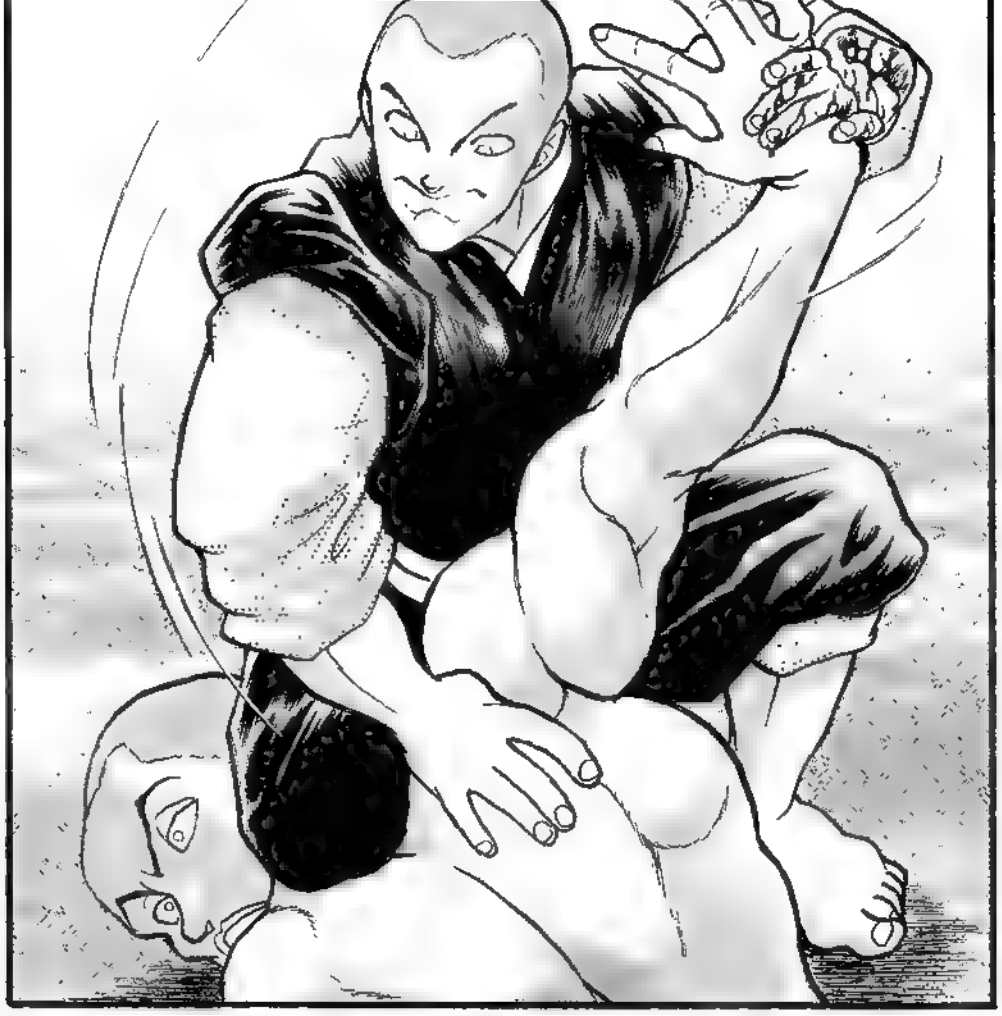
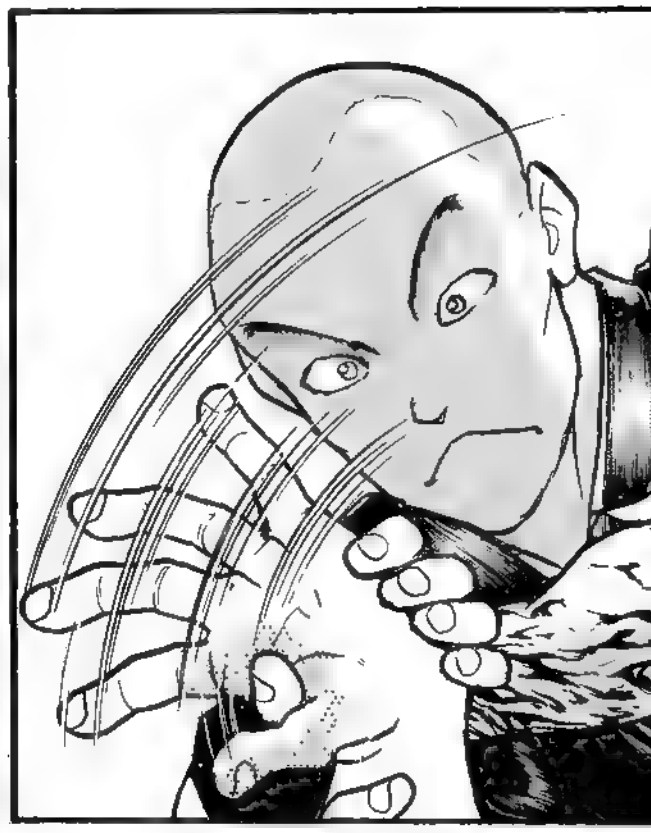
ZENO

オオオオ
WOOO

IT'S A REVERSAL!
DOOMF





KRIK

KLTCG

JACK HAMMER IS COMPLETELY AT HIS MERCY!

I- INCREDIBLE!

BAM
BAM

OOH!

BUT KENGO MISAKI IS UNCHARACTER-ISTICALLY ATTACKING FOR GOOD MEASURE!

PERHAPS HE'S GETTING REVENGE FOR CAUSING THAT MYSTERIOUS BLEEDING!

A FURIOUS BARRAGE OF SIDE KICKS!

WHAM

BAM

SMASH

THERE'S SOMETHING ...!
RISE

MORE MYSTERIOUS BLEEDING!

WOOOOO

THERE'S SOMETHING UP JACK HAMMER'S SLEEVE!

THAT'S QUITE A KIT YOU HAVE...

HE'S GOT A WEAPON!

YOUR SKILL SET IS HIGHLY COMPLETE...

...BUT IT'S STILL NO MORE THAN *CHILD'S PLAY.*

#261 An Unprecedented Special Move!!

WHAT IS GOING ON?!

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!

KENGO MISAKI IS MYSTERIOUSLY AND PROFUSELY BLEEDING!!!

HE'S SEVERELY WOUNDED !!!

HE'S WOUNDED !!!

ARE WOUNDS LIKE THESE IN AN UNARMED FIGHT...

...EVEN POSSIBLE?!

IT'S QUITE AN UNSETTLING TURN OF EVENTS!!!

JACK HAMMER STANDS AS IF NOTHING EVEN HAPPENED!

THE MATCH HAS BEEN PAUSED!

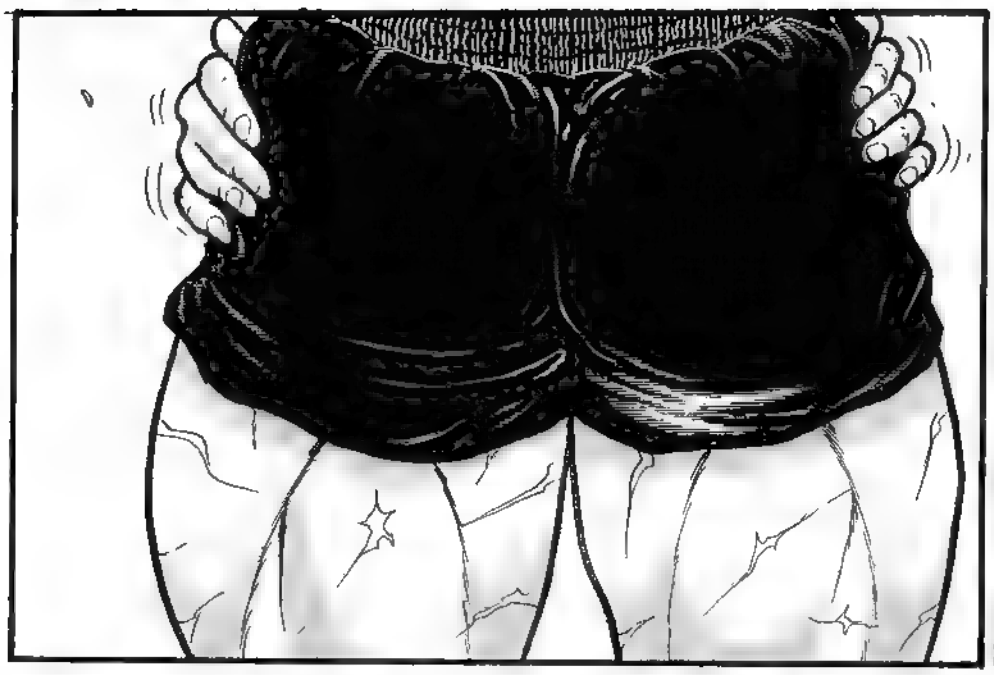
A PAUSE!

PAUSE!

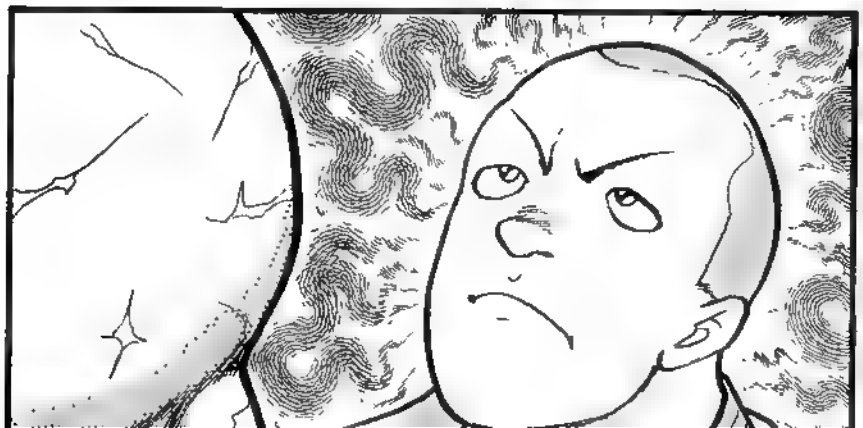
I'M ISSUING A BODY CHECK.

OOH! THE REFEREE HAS HAD ENOUGH AND IS FINALLY CONDUCTING A PAT-DOWN!

SHOW ME YOUR HANDS.



COULDN'T FIND ANYTHING?

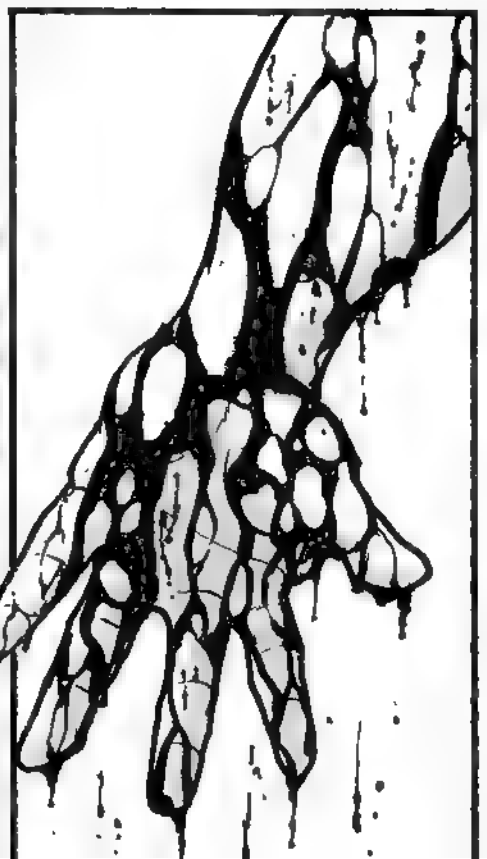


OPEN YOUR MOUTH.

NO CAVITIES.

IT SEEMS THAT EVERYTHING IS CLEAR!

RESUME!



SO HE CUT AN ARTERY.

...BUT THE PAIN MY BODY FELT...

THE REFEREE'S BODY CHECK TURNED UP NOTHING...

...WAS CLEARLY FROM A **SHARP-BLADED WEAPON!!!**

I TRIED TO PLAY THE WAITING GAME...

...BUT AT THIS RATE, I'M GOING TO BLEED TO DEATH.

HE'S GONNA MAKE A MOVE?

MISAKI TAKES THE INITIATIVE!!!

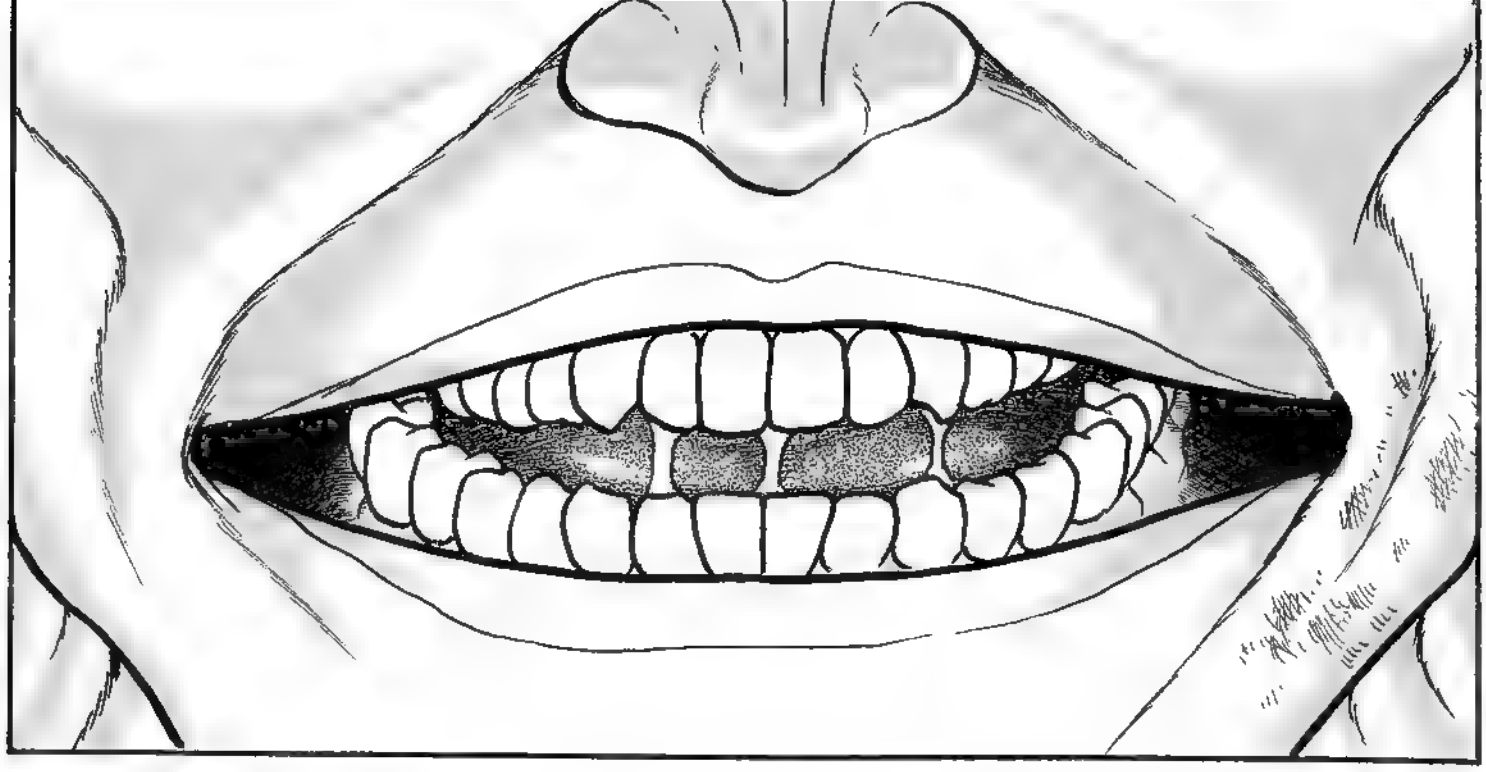
ZSH

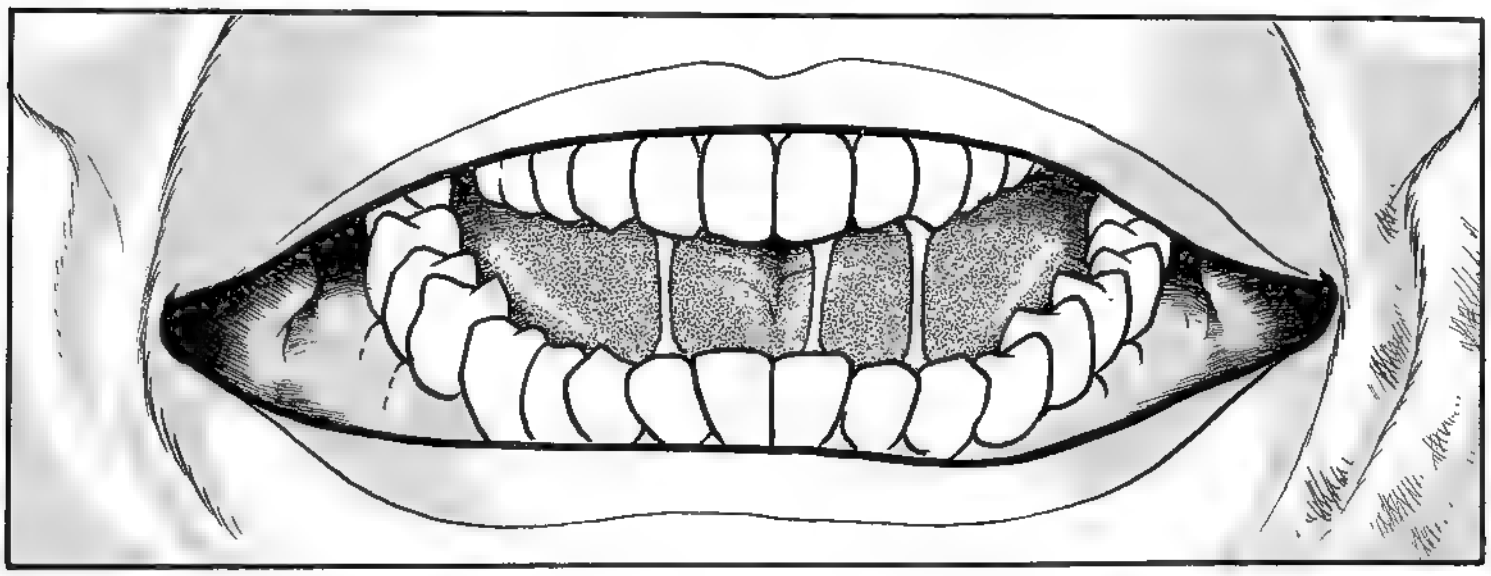
A QUADRUPLE KICK!!!

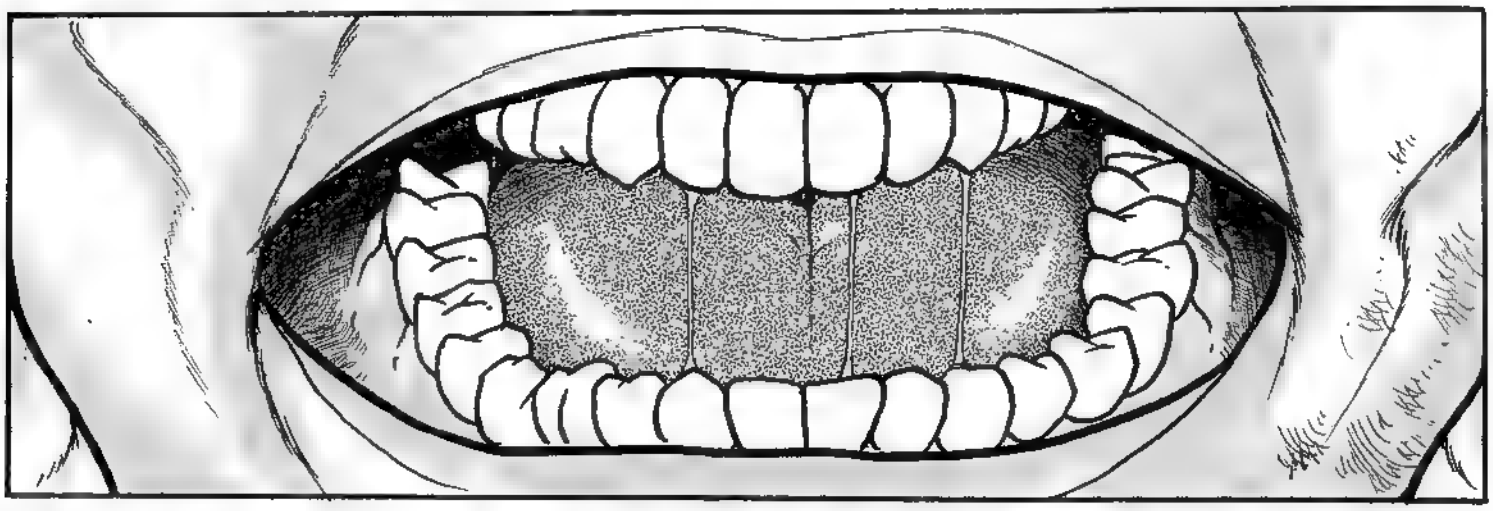
...HIDDEN TECHNIQUE, BUKKOTSU!!!
THERE IT IS! ORTHODOX SHORINJI KEMPO'S...

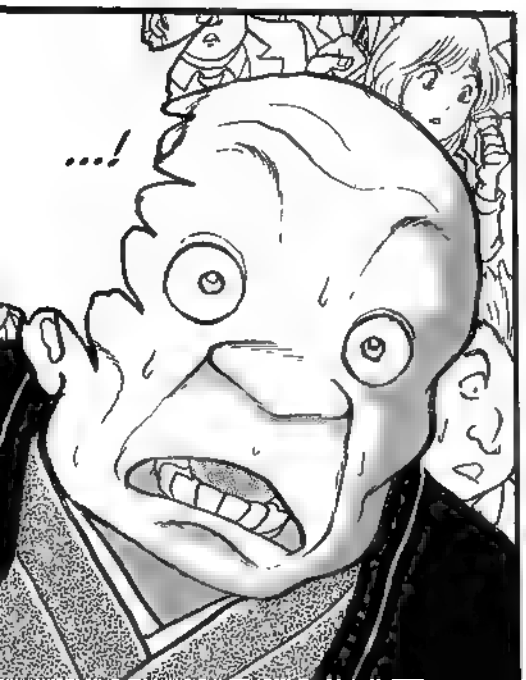
HE LODGED HIS THUMB DIRECTLY INTO THE CAVITY OF JACK'S ADAM'S APPLE—THE ONE SPOT THAT CAN'T BE TEMPERED!

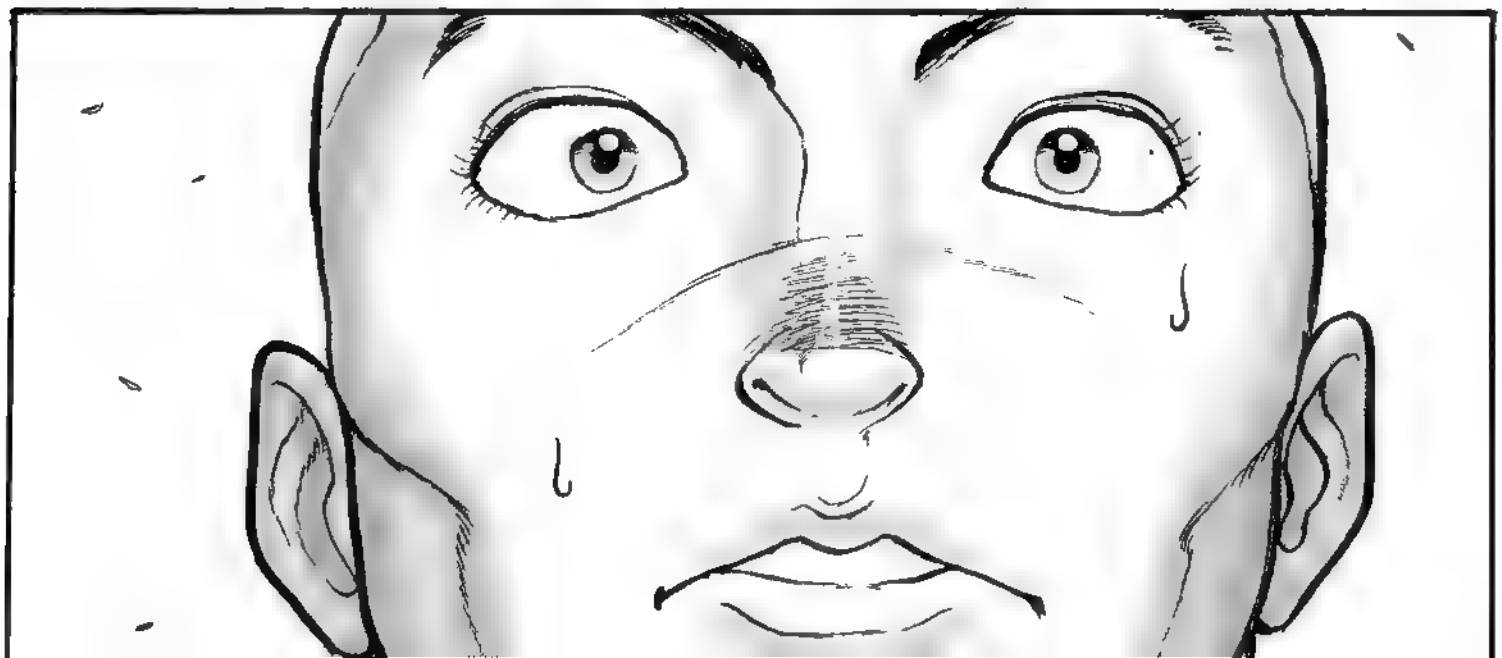
I-IT'S WORKING!











HE...

HE BIT HIIIIM!

WE'VE NEVER SEEN A SPECIAL TECHNIQUE LIKE THIS!

KAH

KPCH

KPCH

KRIK

ACTUALLY, SHOULD WE EVEN CALL THAT A "TECHNIQUE" AT ALL?

NO!

...!

ポタ DRIP
ポタ DRIP
ポタ DRIP
ポタ DRIP

AIYEEE
!

#262 The Showdown Between Right and Wrong Concludes!!

PRIAK
ピキ
KRCH
メキ
MNGH
MNGH
CAN WE...
KRCH
メキ
白虎
PRAK
ペキ
CAN...
白虎
玄

...!!!

CAN WE EVEN CALL THAT A "SPECIAL TECHNIQUE"?

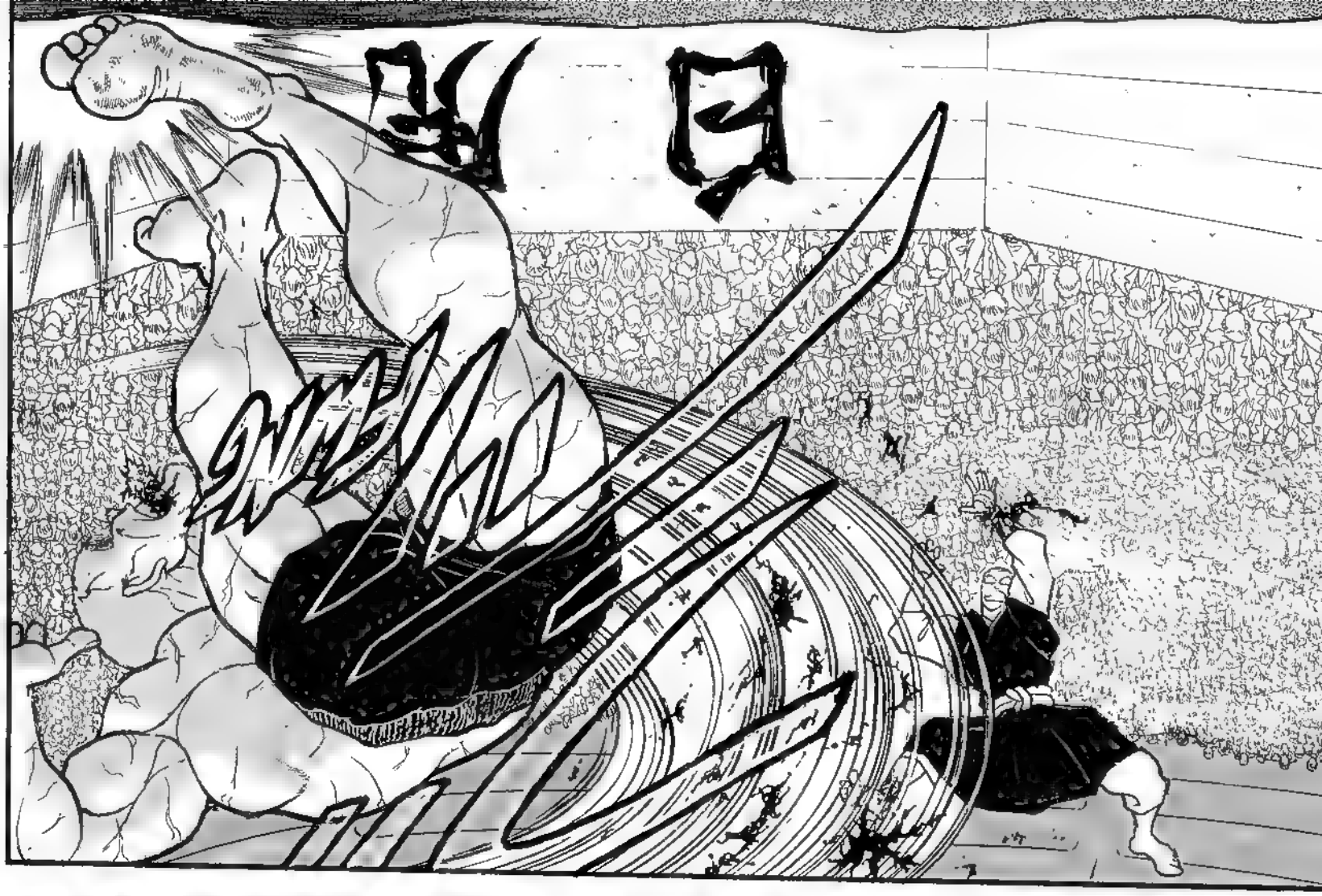
THE MYSTERIOUS KAMAITACHI WAS REALLY...

...JUST BITES TO THE FLESH!!!

...!

KRAK
...!

HE SWUNG HIM!!!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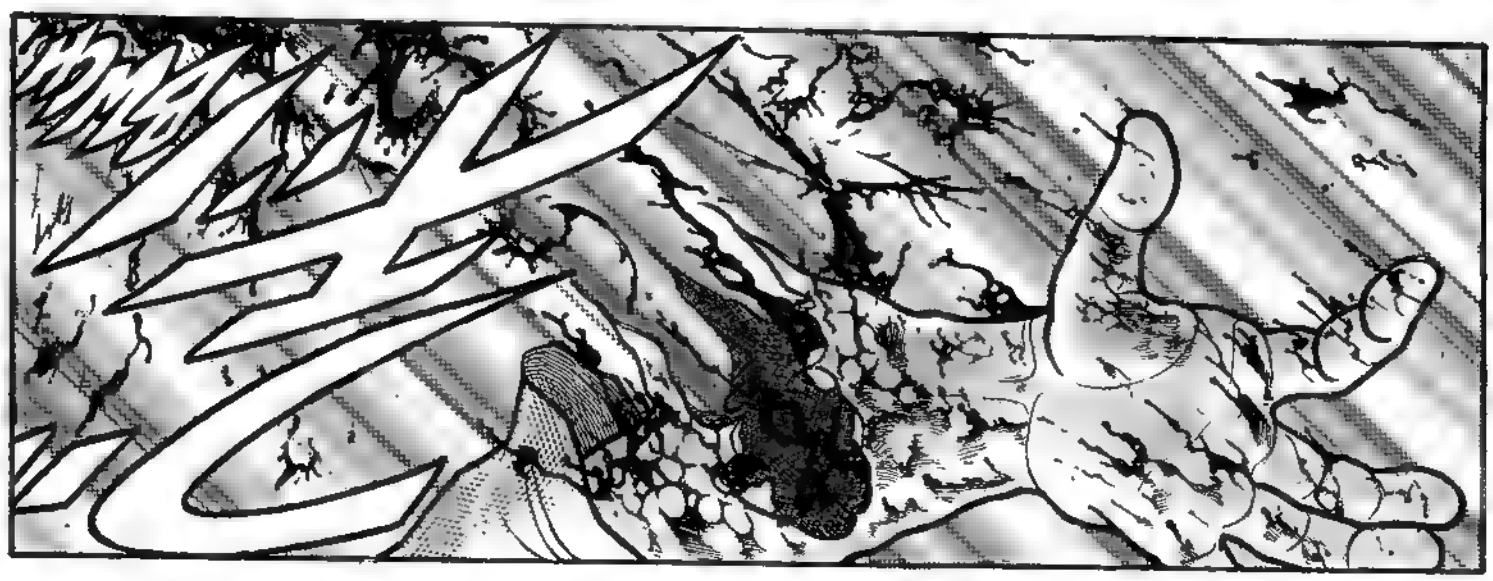
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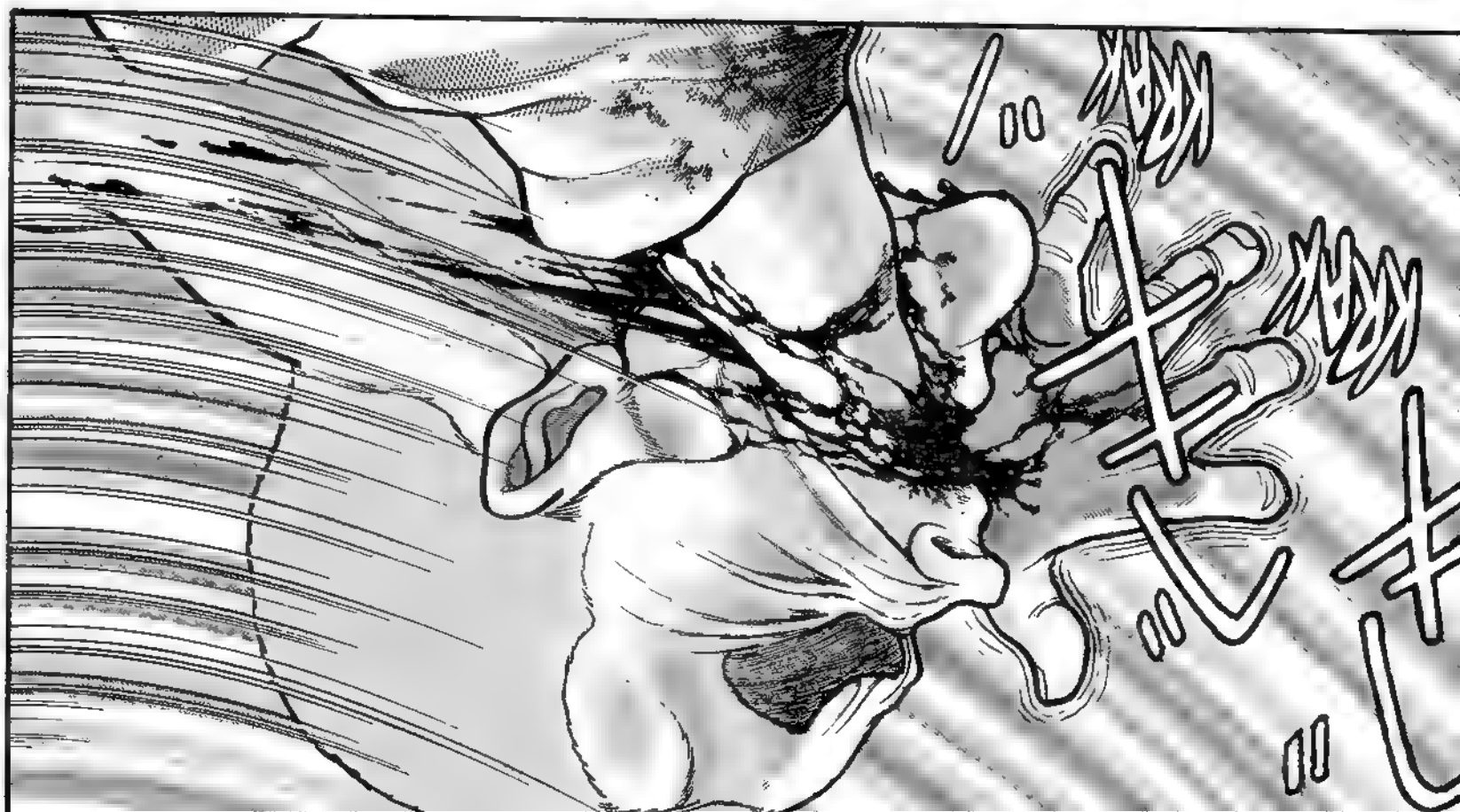
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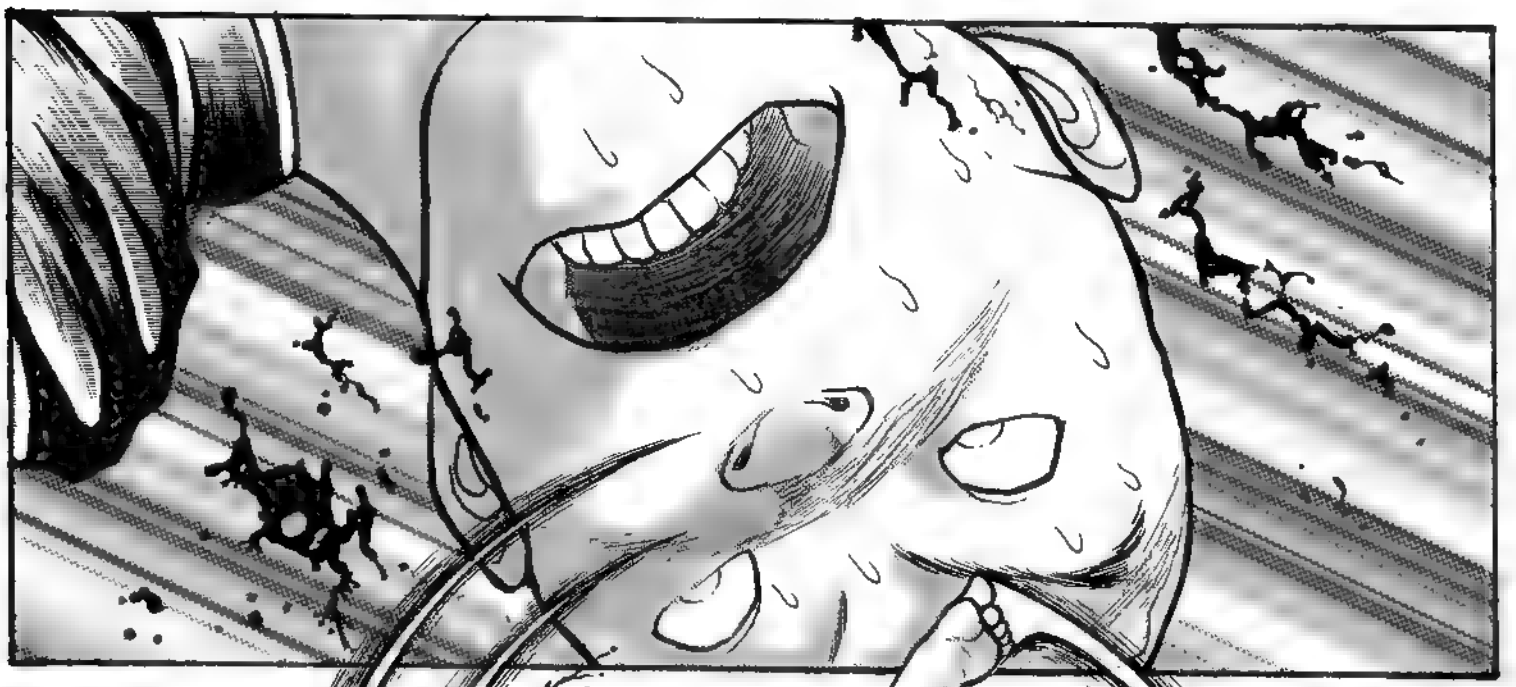


SHINK

...!

HOW-
EVER...

...HIS
WRIST
IS...

KENGO MISAKI
BARELY LANDS
ON HIS FEET...!

...IT'S BARELY HANGING ON BY A THREAD!!!
SHMP
HE'S CLOSING IN!
JACK HAMMER IS MERCILESSLY CLOSING THE DISTANCE!
SHMP
...!
PWSH
SHMP

BWUSH
!!!
...!
HE BLINDED HIM ...?!

FIGHT
FIGHT

YEEK!

GWAH!

THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

JACK HAMMER WINS!!!

TH-THE MATCH IS OVER!!!

AND AS IF THAT WASN'T ENOUGH, HE BLINDED MISAKI BY SPITTING HIS OWN FLESH BACK AT HIM!

HE DIDN'T ACTUALLY HAVE A WEAPON, BUT HE EFFECTIVELY ARMED HIMSELF BY UTILIZING THOSE VICIOUS BITES!

...

THE REFEREES DIDN'T HAVE AN ISSUE WITH ANY OF IT!

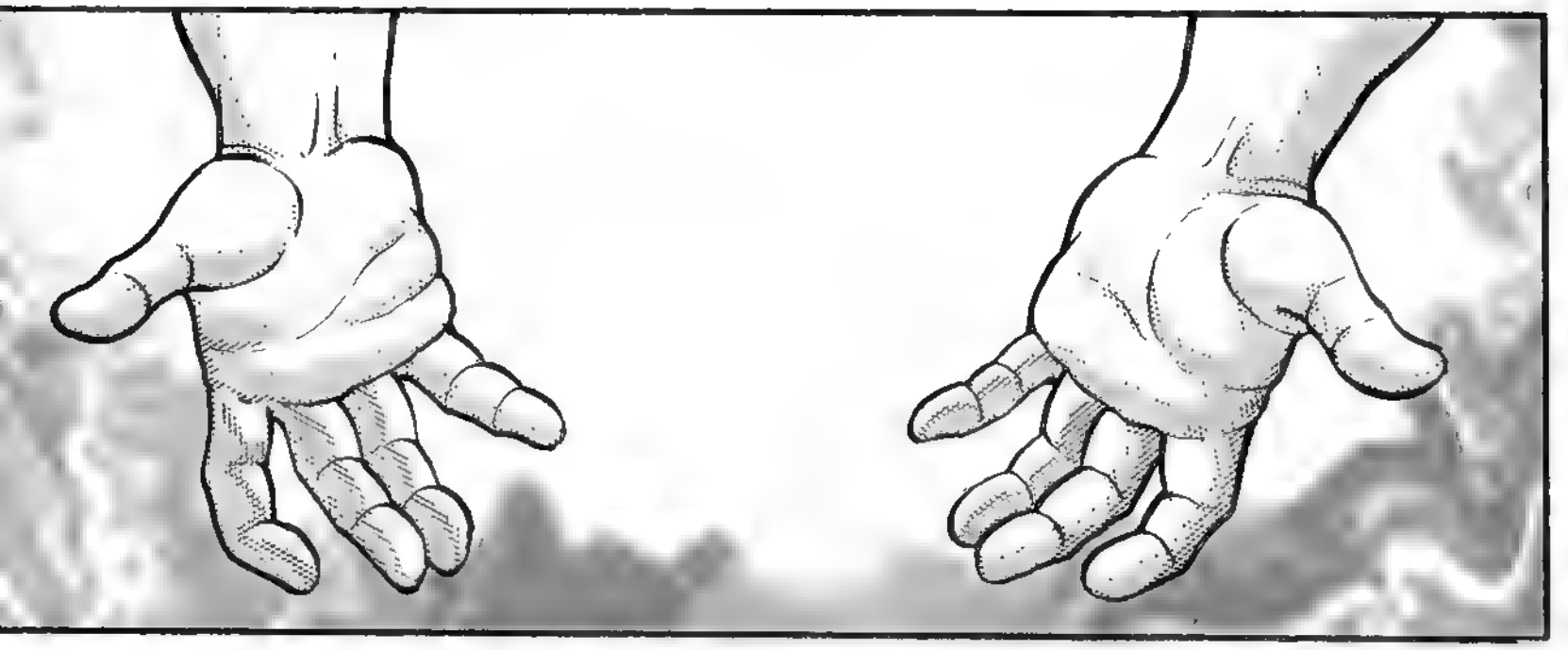
THOSE ARE THE FEARSOME RULES OF THE UNDERGROUND ARENA, FOLKS!!!

THIS IS TRULY WHAT YOU'D CALL NO-HOLDS-BARRED VALE TUDO!!!

...!

THAT IS *NOT* MARTIAL ARTS!

TH...



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...!!!

...!!!

THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU.

#263 Monsters

オオオオオオ
WOOOOO

WHAT A REPULSIVE FIGHT.

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA.

...HA HA HA HA HA HA!

HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA...

YEAH, I'M GAINING A *TERRIBLE* REPUTATION.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D RESORT TO BITING *LIKE A WOMAN.*

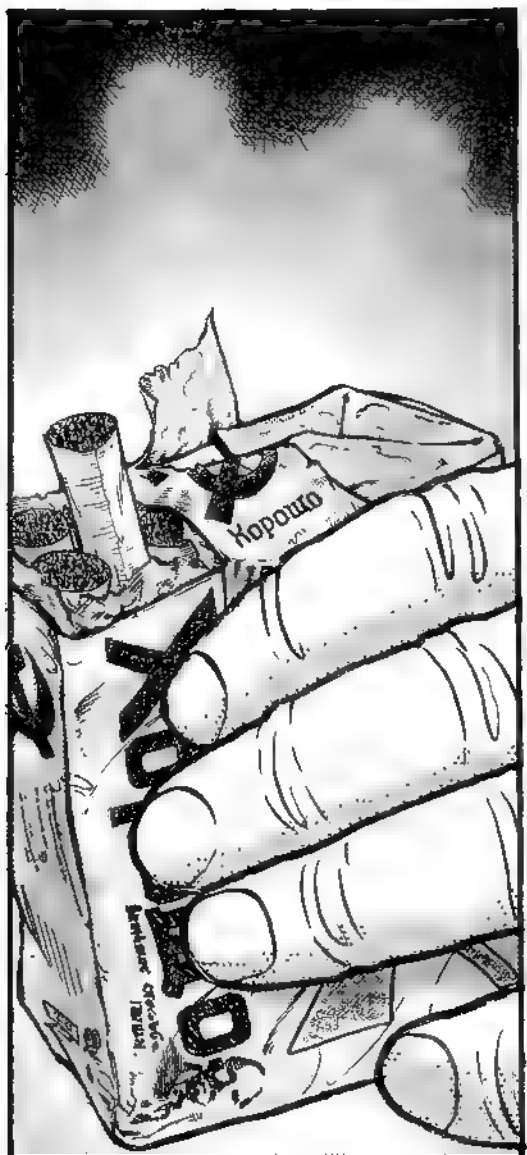
YOU MAKE ME SICK.

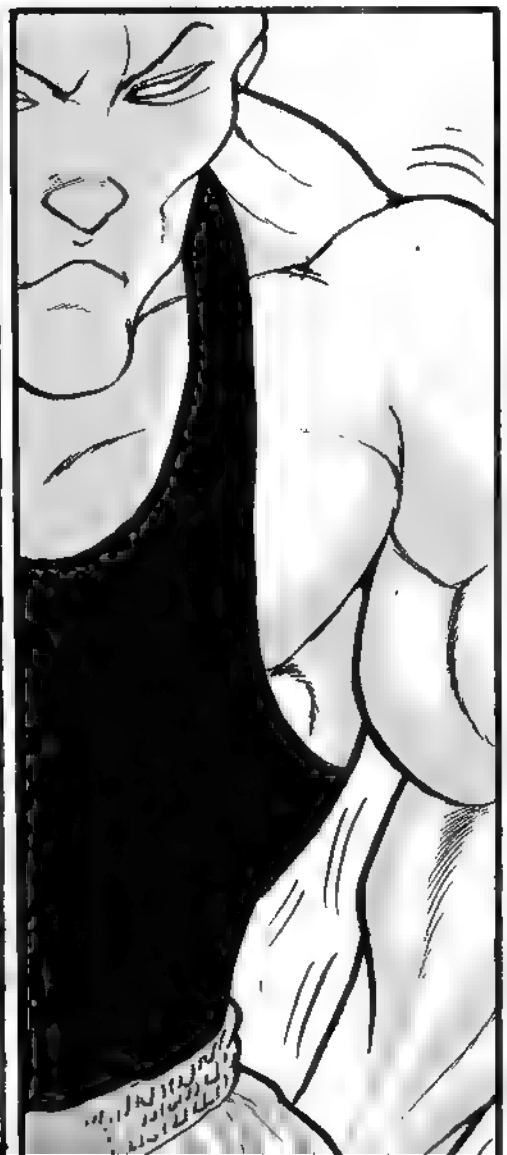
I'D SAY IT WAS MORE *"LIKE A LION."*

...THINKS THAT THE WAY I FIGHT LACKS *DIGNITY.*
SO EVEN SOMEONE FROM THE WORLD OF AMATEUR WRESTLING'S MOCK FIGHTING...

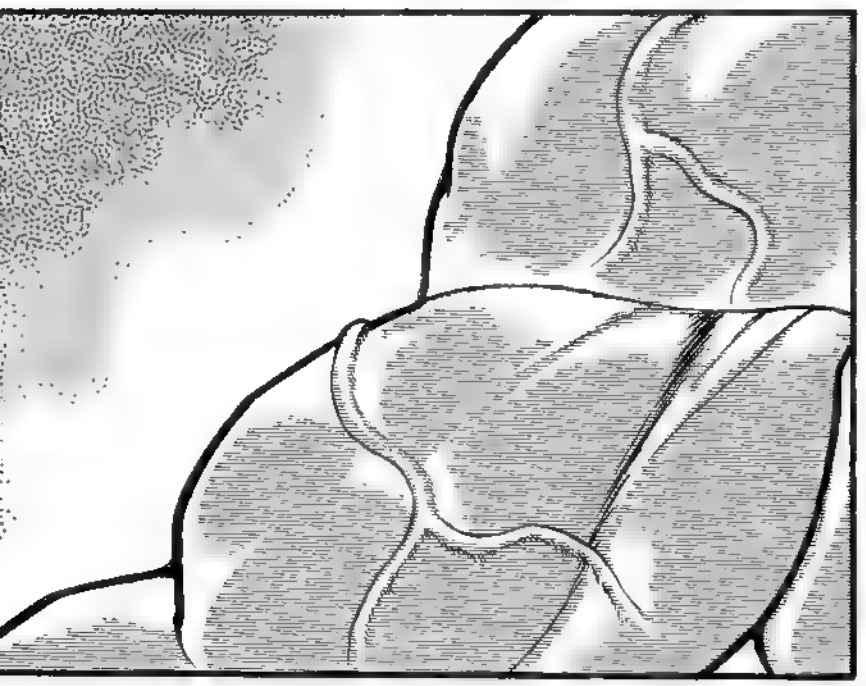
IT *DEFANGS* COMBAT ITSELF.
BUT THE CONCEPT OF *DIGNITY* IS *DUBIOUS.*

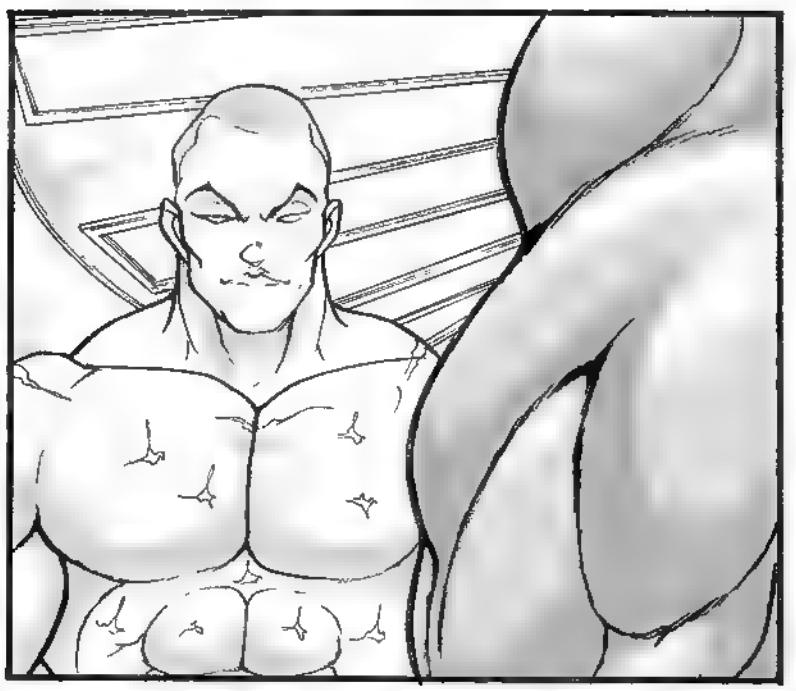
ALL I DID WAS LITERALLY BRING THE *FANGS* BACK TO YOUR ENFEEBLED IDEA OF COMBAT!



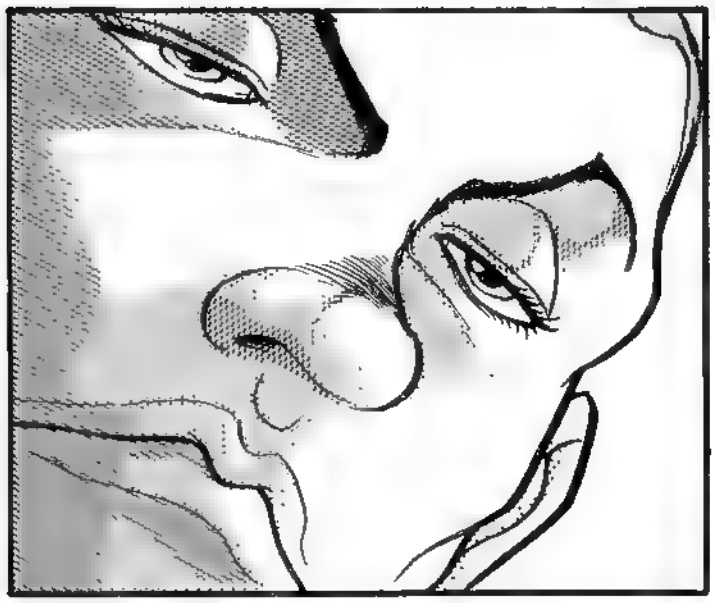


YOU THINK YOURSELF COLUMBUS, SHOWING PEOPLE HOW TO STAND AN EGG UPRIGHT.





WHEN YOUR PRECIOUS *FANGS* MEET MY *BODY*...



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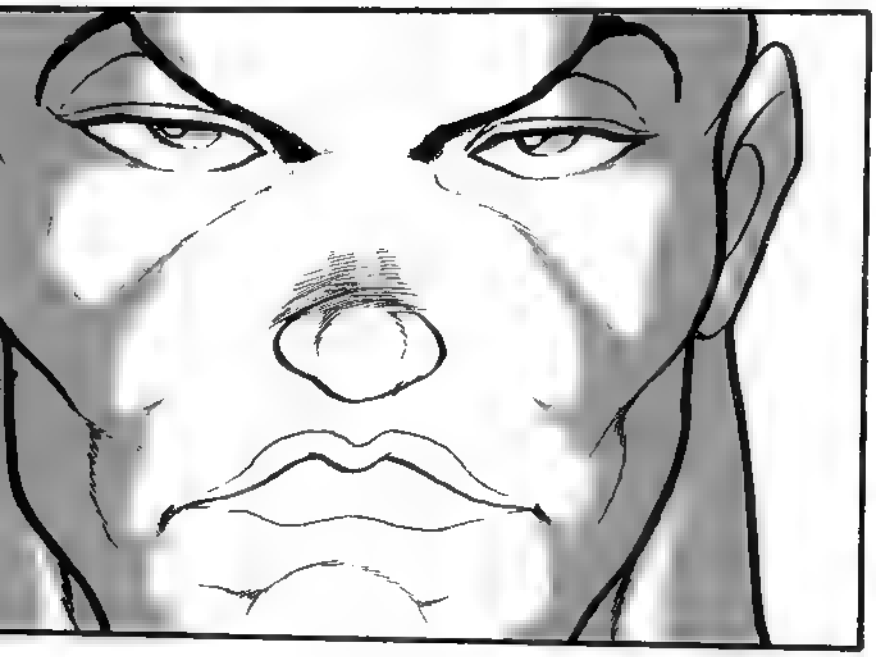
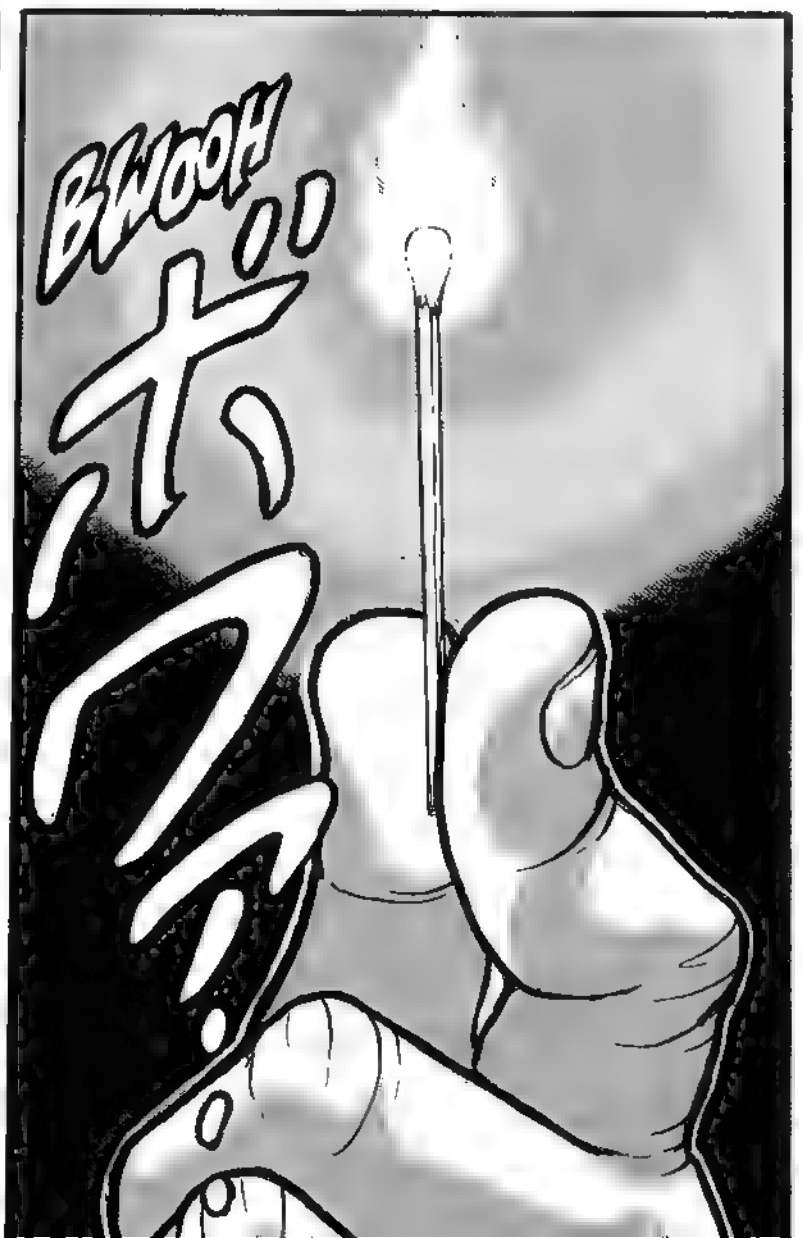


...WHETHER THEY'LL BE ABLE TO BITE THROUGH THIS...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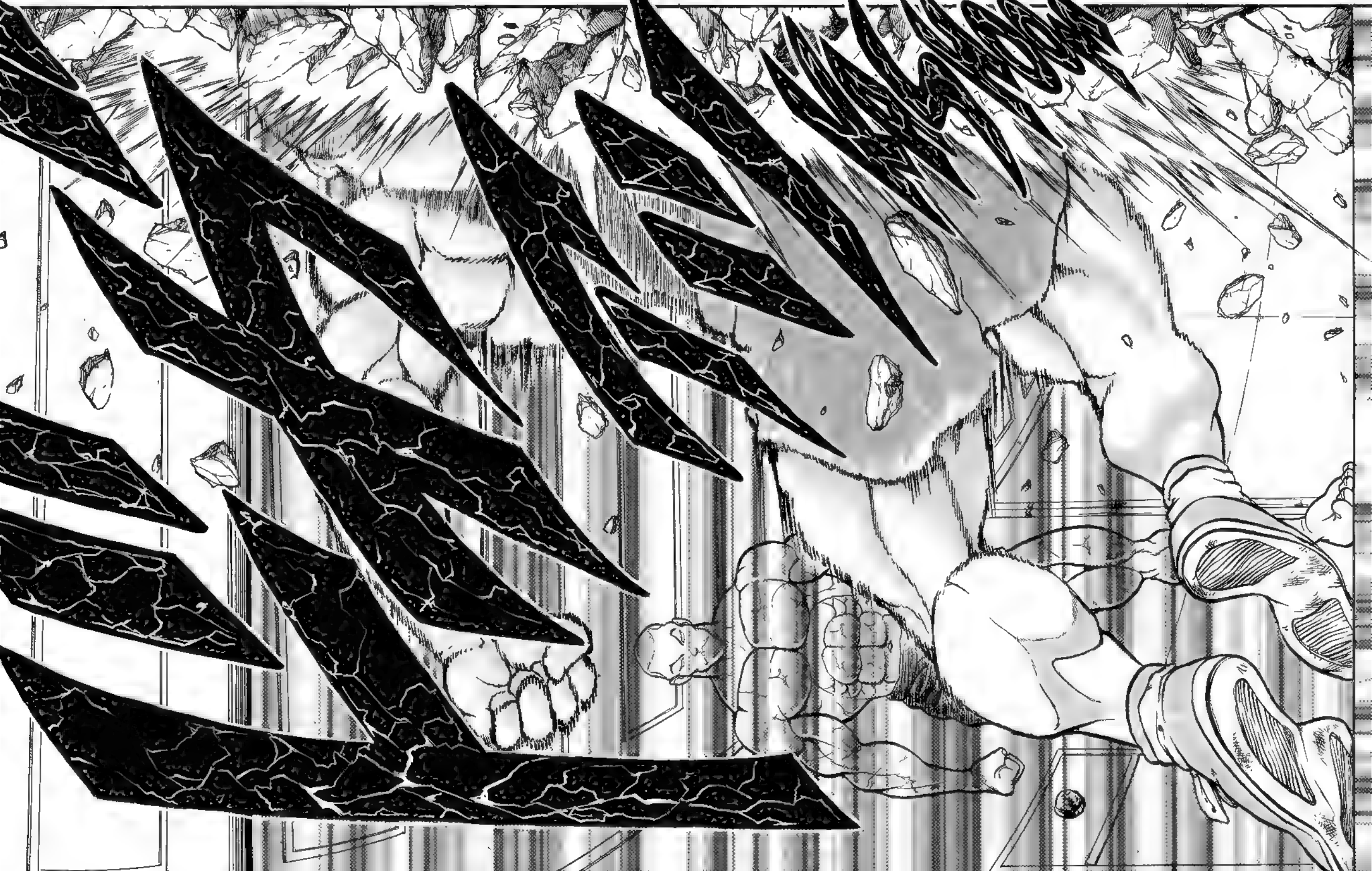
...IS SOMETHING YOU'RE WELCOME TO TEST.

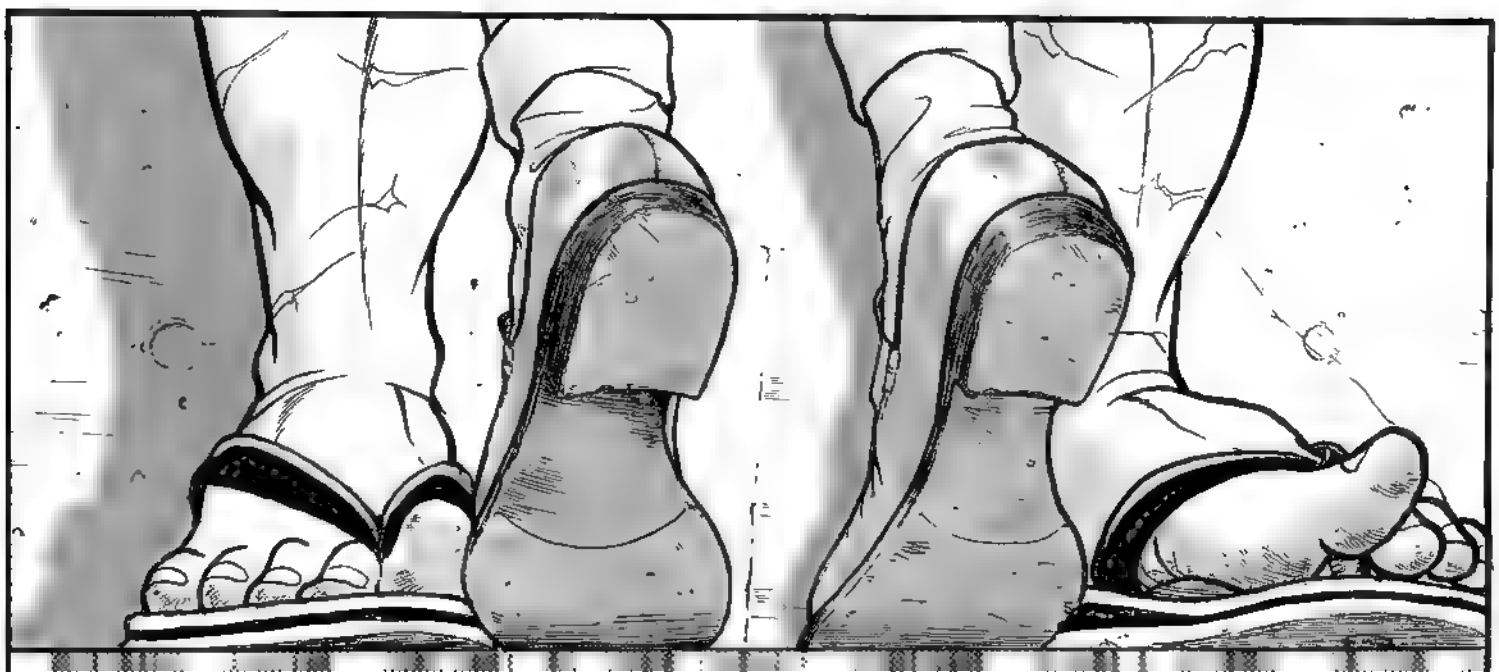


FLAKE
FLAKE
FLAKE
FLAKE
WOBBL
WOBBL
OH ...
HUH ...?
AN EARTH-QUAKE ...?
RABBL
RABBL
RABBL

I LOOK FORWARD TO IT.

INDEED, I WILL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO MY FIGHT WITH YOU.

!



RUN AWAY, BAKI.

RUN...

...

YOU CAN'T WIN...

THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN WIN AGAINST THOSE MEN— THOSE *MONSTERS.*

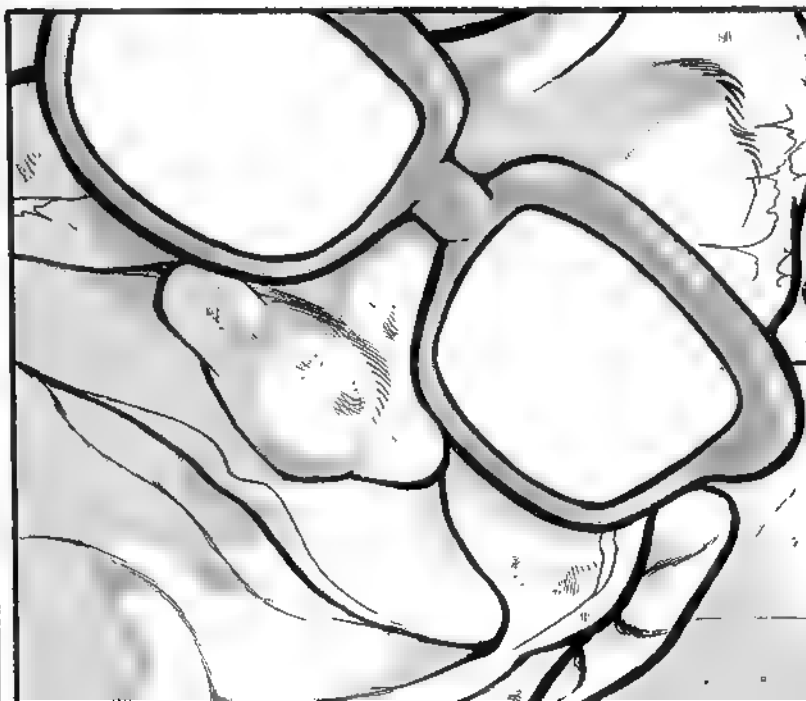
TWIST
本部神心
本部神心
NOW I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU ALL...
...WHAT OROCHI-RYU KARATE IS ALL ABOUT.
IT'S SHINSHINKAI NO MORE.

YU AMANAI VS...

SECOND ROUND! SEVENTH MATCH!!!

...OROCHI DOPPO!!!

#264 It's Finally Complete!



館長

IT'S STRANGE...

THERE SHOULDN'T BE ANY FACET WHERE I FALL SHORT...

HEIGHT, WEIGHT, SPEED, REFLEXES, BRICK-BREAKING...

...BUT I DON'T FEEL LIKE I CAN BEAT HIM!

...TO WALK IN FRONT OF HIM...

I CAN'T FIND IT IN ME...

...

IF I WERE TO SNEAK ATTACK HIM HERE, THEN MAYBE—

SAY, KATSUMI.

...

DO YOU KNOW WHY KARATE IS CALLED THE STRONGEST ON EARTH?

...

...YET THE IDEA THAT *KARATE* IS THE STRONGEST HAS PERSISTED THROUGH THE AGES.

ISN'T IT ODD? THERE'S ALL THESE MARTIAL ARTS AROUND...

C'MON, BOY.

...!!!

...!!!

...IS WHY I'VE BEEN STRUGGLING TONIGHT.

NOT KNOWING THE ANSWER TO THAT...

...

...

THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.

HA HA HA.

I ONLY FIGURED IT OUT *THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY.*

本部神

...AND DONE JUST ABOUT EVERYTHING TO BECOME STRONGER.

FOR THE PAST FORTY-SIX YEARS, I'VE PUMMELED, KICKED...

部

I'VE EVEN GOTTEN *KILLED* ONCE BEFORE.

KABAAA

BUT THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY, IT HIT ME.

...BUT THERE WON'T BE A SINGLE FLAW TO BE FOUND.

VIEW IT FROM ANY ANGLE, TRY IT AGAINST ANY PERSON...

本部 神

IT'S FINALLY COMPLETE— OROCHI-RYU KARATE.

DOPPO OROCHI
(SHINSHINKAI KARATE)
HEIGHT: 178 CM
WEIGHT: 110 KG

YU AMANAI
(BODYGUARD)
HEIGHT: 188 CM
WEIGHT: 89 KG

...OROCHI THE MANEATER SINCE I WAS A KID.

I'VE BEEN HEAR-ING ABOUT THE FEATS OF...

館長

THE NAME "DOPPO OROCHI" HAS ALWAYS INSPIRED ENVY AND ESTEEM TO ALL THOSE WHO ASPIRE TO BE MARTIAL ARTISTS.

IT'S QUITE IRONIC.

...
I'M CROSSING PATHS WITH THAT GREAT VETERAN TONIGHT LIKE THIS—

NAAA-
TSUEE
!!!

RABBI
...!!!
SHE'S DOPPO'S WIFE?
RABBI
RABBI

NATSUE! YOU WATCHIN' ?!

MAKE SURE YOU'RE REEEEALLY WATCHING!

SIR...

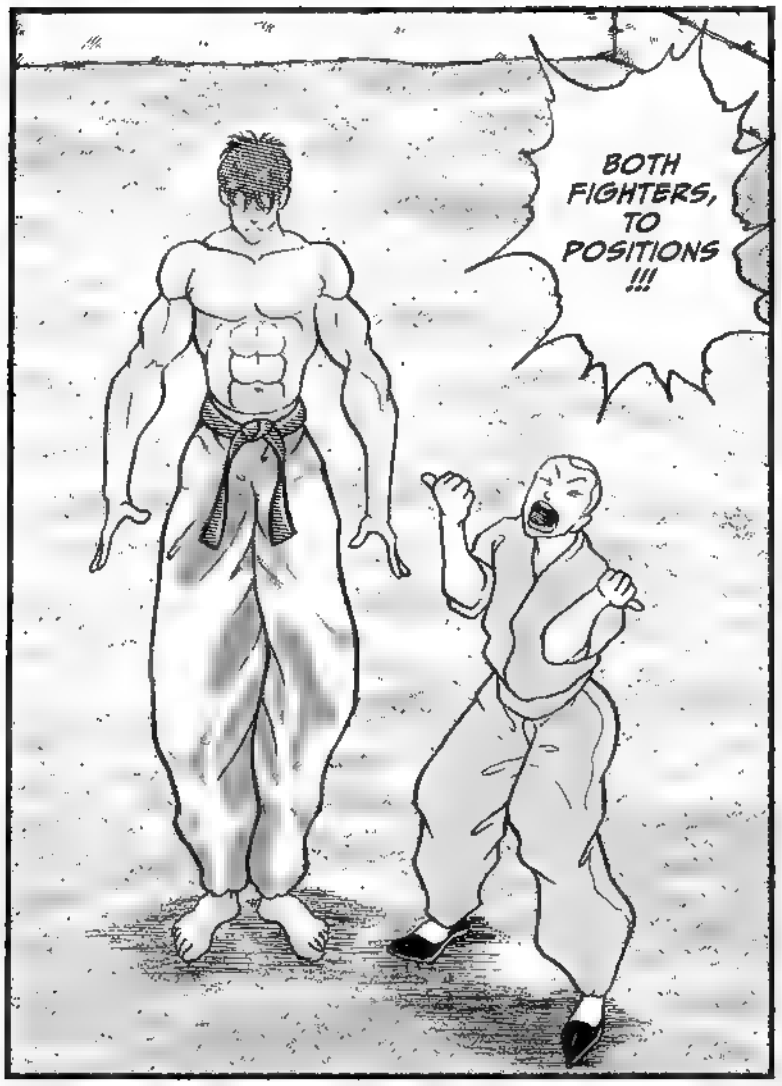
U- UM...

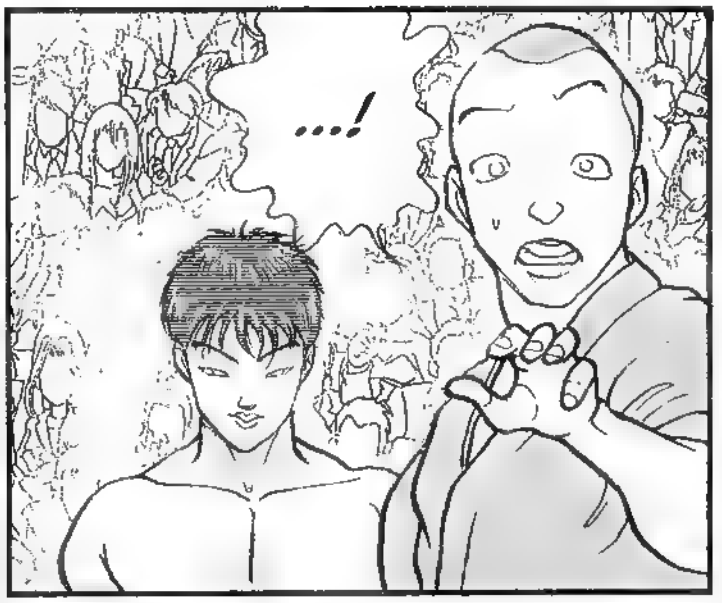
NO GOOFING OFF THIS TIME AROOOUND!

BECAUSE YOUR BELOVED SUPER DOPPO...

...IS GONNA END THIS ONE...

...IN A JIFFY!!!


BOTH FIGHTERS, TO POSITIONS !!!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...
...

YOU GOT ALL THAT, RIGHT?
AFTER I GOBBLE UP THAT PANTYWAIST, *YOU'RE* NEXT.

M'KAY...

LET'S HAVE OURSELVES ANOTHER FUN FIGHT.

BEGIIIN!

...OGRE, M'BOY? ♡

I'M SORRY...

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MIYAKO TAXI

...BAKI.

タクシー
用命は
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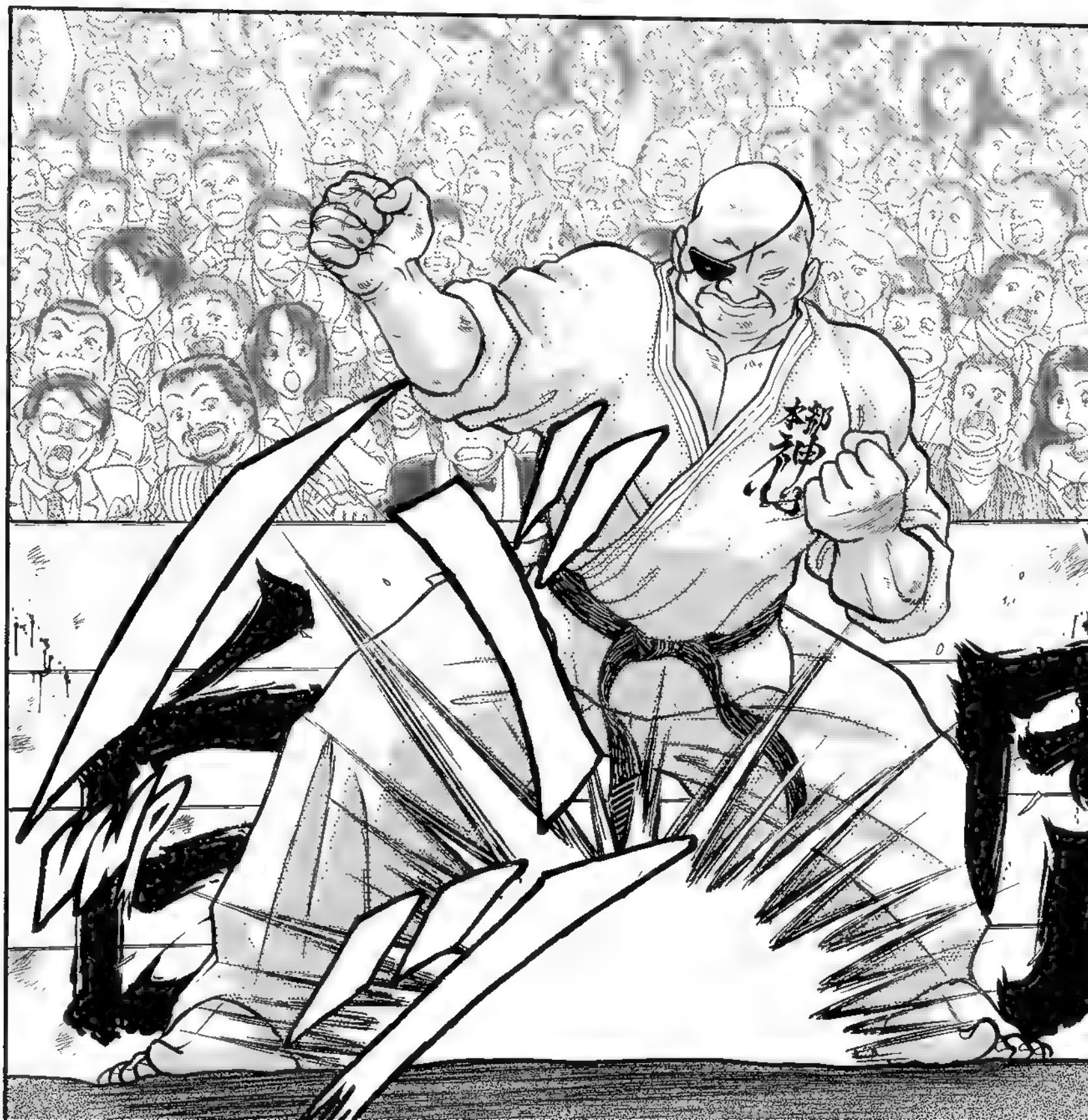
#265 Certified Martial Arts Warrior

WOOOO
BEGIIIN
!!!
!

...!!!
RAAAAH
玄武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WOOO
WOOO

HOLY SHIT!

THAT'S DOPPO FOR YOU! HE PLAYS DIRTY!

TCH! I WAS SO CLOSE!

...THAT I JUST FORGOT ABOUT CONCEALING MY PRESENCE.

I WAS JUST SO DAMN GIDDY TO SEE YOU BACK, RIGHT THERE IN FRONT OF ME...

本部 神

MARVELOUS.

QUIT PRATTLING, PUNK.

玄正

YOU TRULY ARE THE REAL DEAL.

館

...THEN I THANK HIM FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET THE CERTIFIED MARTIAL ARTS WARRIOR KNOWN AS ***DOPPO OROCHI*** ON THIS NIGHT.

IF A ***GOD DOES*** EXIST IN THIS WORLD...

YOU SURE BLOW EVERY LITTLE THING OUT OF PROPORTION.

GRG
GRG
GRG
GRG

THERE IT IS! THE NO-MOTION JUMP!!!

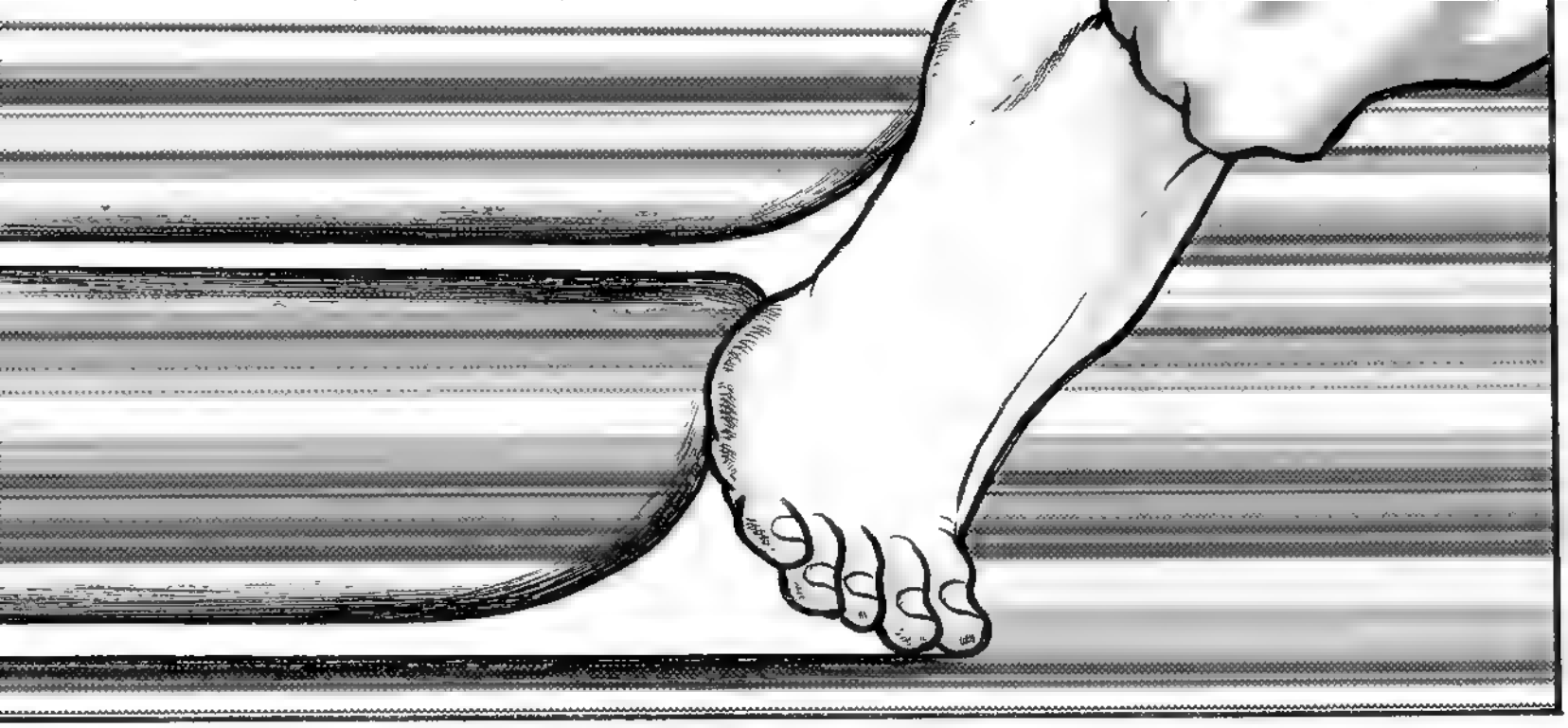
THIS IS GOING TO BE HARD TO GAUGE!

!!!

THAT STANCE!!!

IT'S THE MAEBA STANCE!!!
本部
神
ZAK
A MAWASHI-UKE!!! AN IRON DEFENSE ...!!!

HWOO



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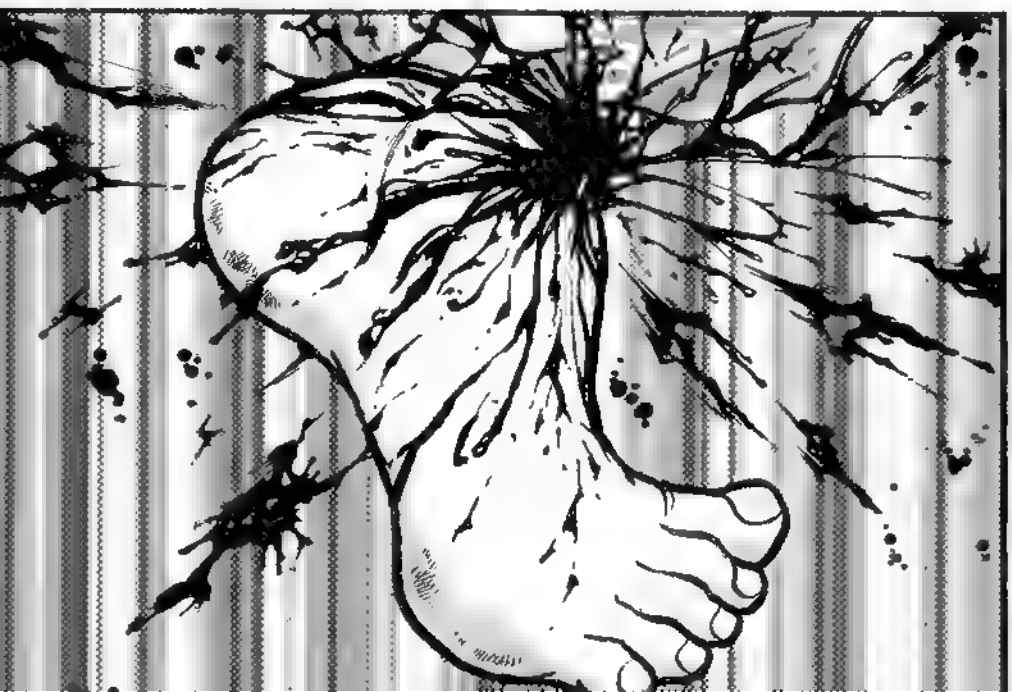
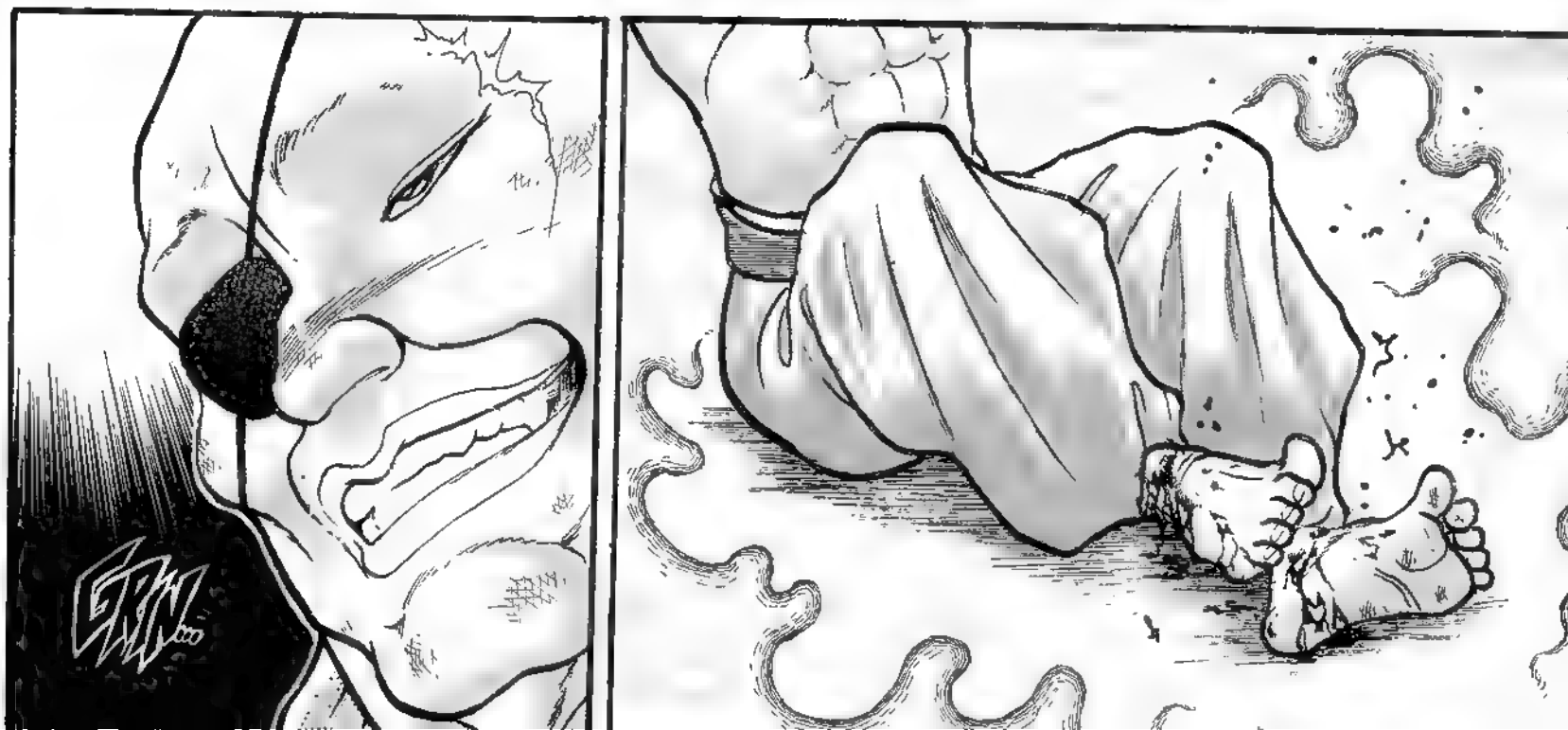


YU AMANAI'S AERIAL ASSAULT IS BEING REPELLED!!!



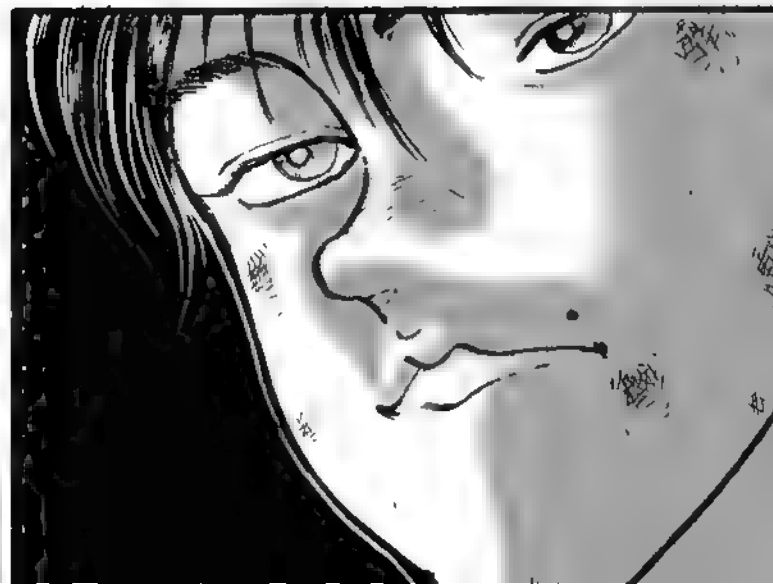
I USE KARATE.
YOU LITTLE DUMBASS!
WOOOO

DID YOU FORGET THAT MY ENTIRE BODY IS A WEAPON?

THE SECRET WEAPON, AMANAI, SEEMS TO BE OUT OF OPTIONS!

WHY...?

WHY DID WE COME HERE?



WHY...?

#266 Mother And Fighting

...US OUT HERE?

WHY DID YOU BRING...

HUH...?

THAT SPOT YOU'RE STANDING ON RIGHT NOW...

...MY LAST GOODBYE TO MY MOM.
THAT'S WHERE I SAID...
HUH ...?
HUH ...?
HERE ...?

...

HA HA.

THEY GOT ALL KICKED OVER?

AH, MAN ...

KA-CHK

BAKI...

K-CHK

KA-CHK

WOOOO
IS IT ALREADY OVER?!

AMANAI IS AT THE END OF HIS ROPE!!!

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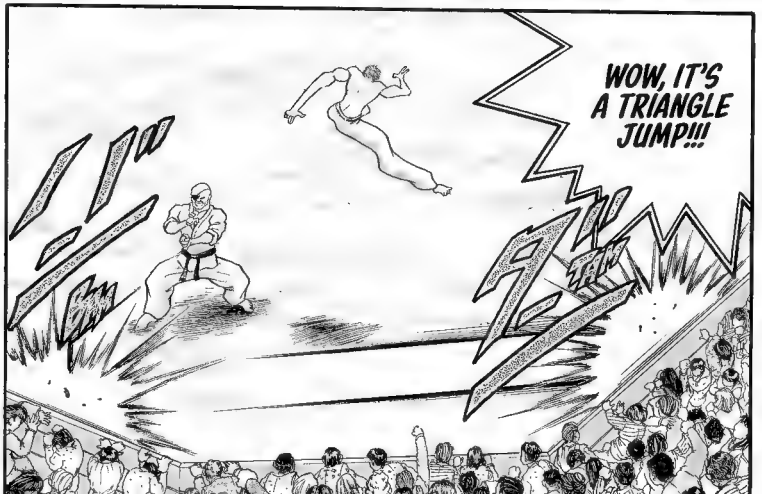
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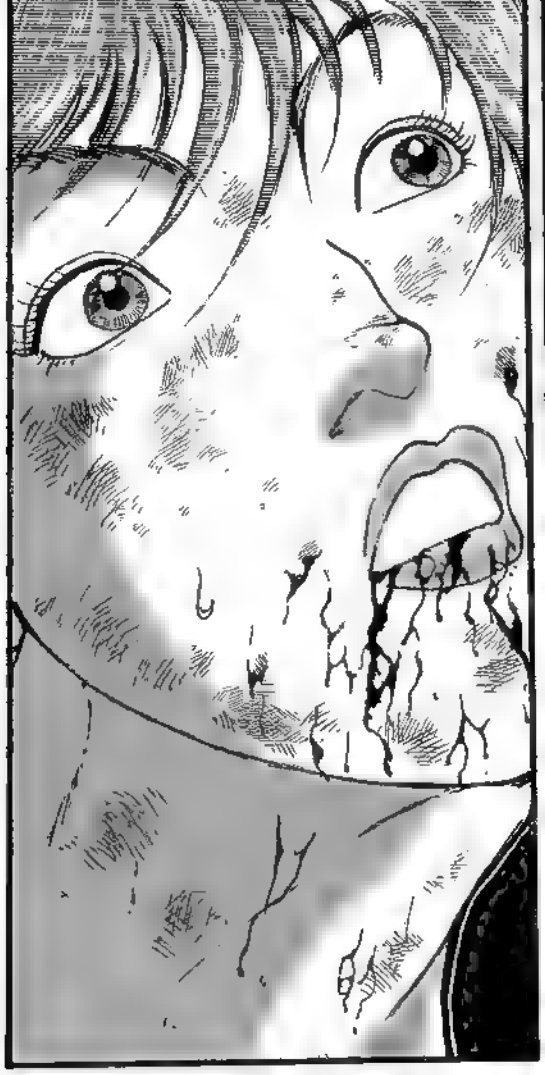

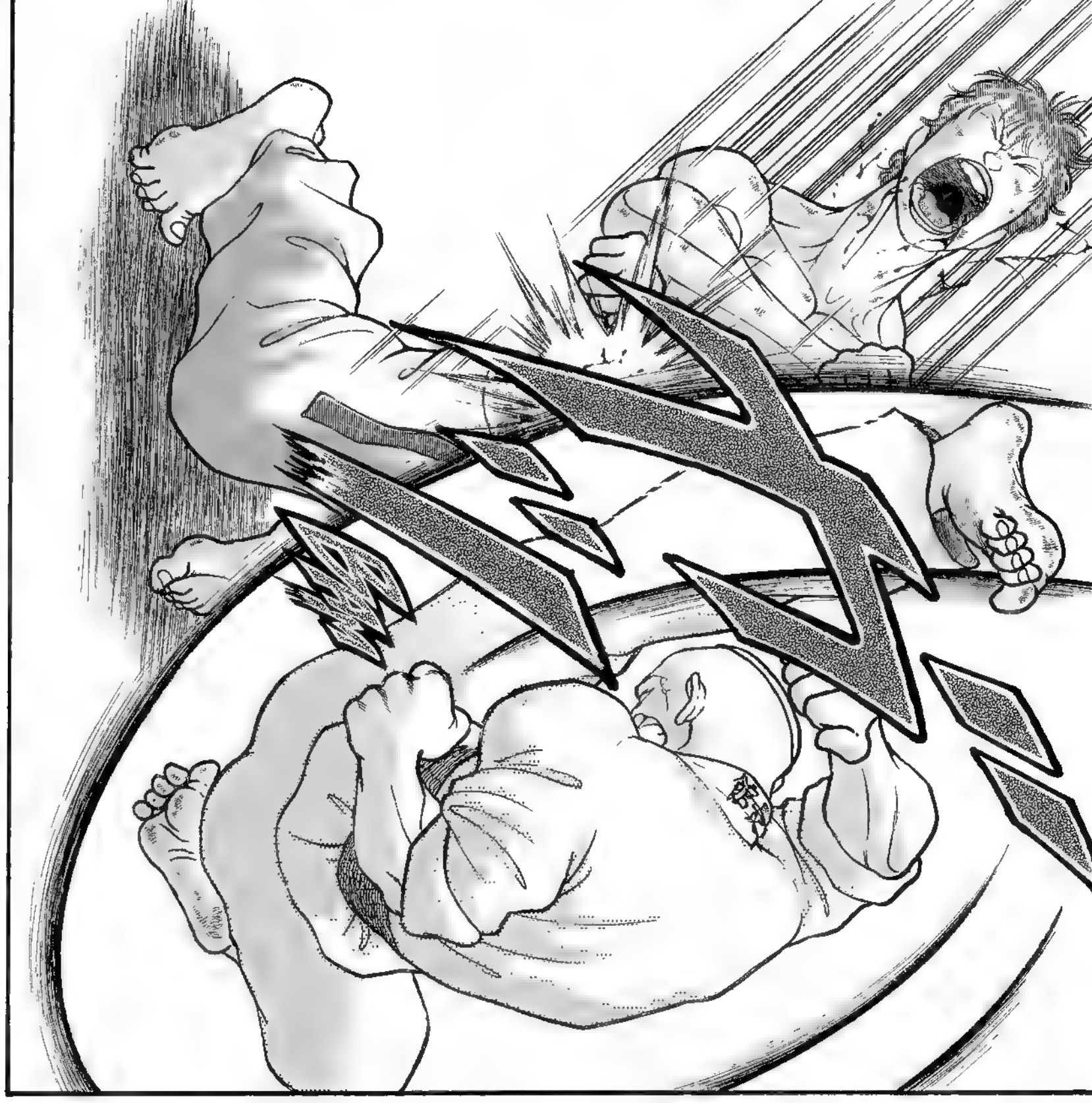

YOU'RE AMAZING, DOPPO!

WOW! THE MANEATER THROWS THE AERIAL ASSAULT RIGHT BACK IN HIS FACE!!

...BUT YOUR AMANAI-RYU DOESN'T HAVE A *PATENT* ON *JUMP KICKS.*

I CAN'T GET AS MUCH HANG TIME AS YOU...

KRAAAH!

WHOA THERE.

AMANAI TRIES TO JUMP ONCE MORE...

...BUT OROCHI DENIES HIS TAKEOFF WITH A LOW KICK!

!!!

HERE YOU GO!

SWISH

AND THAT GROUNDS YOUR *GRACEFUL AERIAL ASSAULT.*

THAT KICK APPEARS TO HAVE TOTALLY DESTROYED AMANAI'S FOOT!

KRCH

OOOH!
HE KICKS WITH HIS INJURED RIGHT FOOT!

GRIK
GRAP
...!!!
WHAT IS THIS?!

DID YOU THINK I WAS SOME *LANKY CRANE FLY,* ONLY CAPABLE OF *JUMP KICKS* OR SOMETHING?
...!

...!

ALLOW ME TO TEACH YOU WHAT I CAN DO WITH THESE LONG LIMBS OF MINE.

#267 Mother and Father

IT'S TRUE, MY MOM WAS KILLED BY THAT MAN--YUJIRO HANMA.
I AM SERIOUS.

YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS.

...AND MY FATHER, YUJIRO HANMA.

BY HER OWN BELOVED HUSBAND, HER LOVER...

EMI AKEZAWA.

THAT WAS MY MOTHER'S NAME.

SHE WAS ENJOYING THE MOST JOYOUS MOMENT OF HER LIFE.

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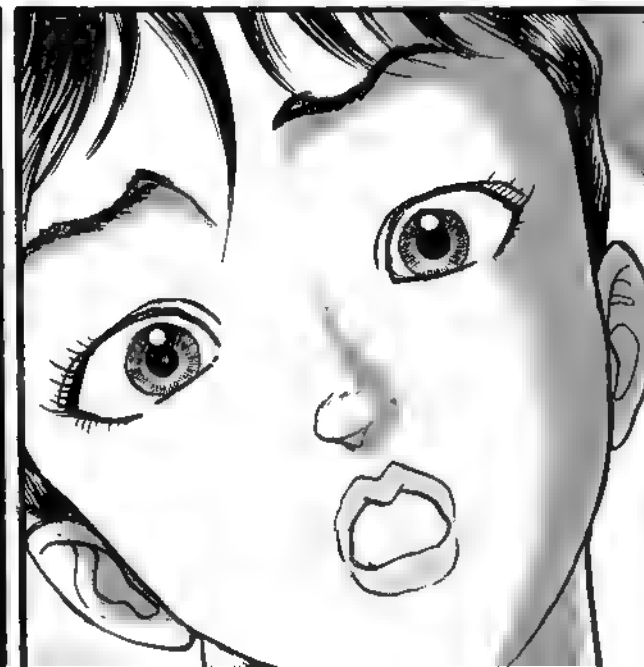
AND THAT WAS WHEN HE SHOWED UP BEFORE HER.

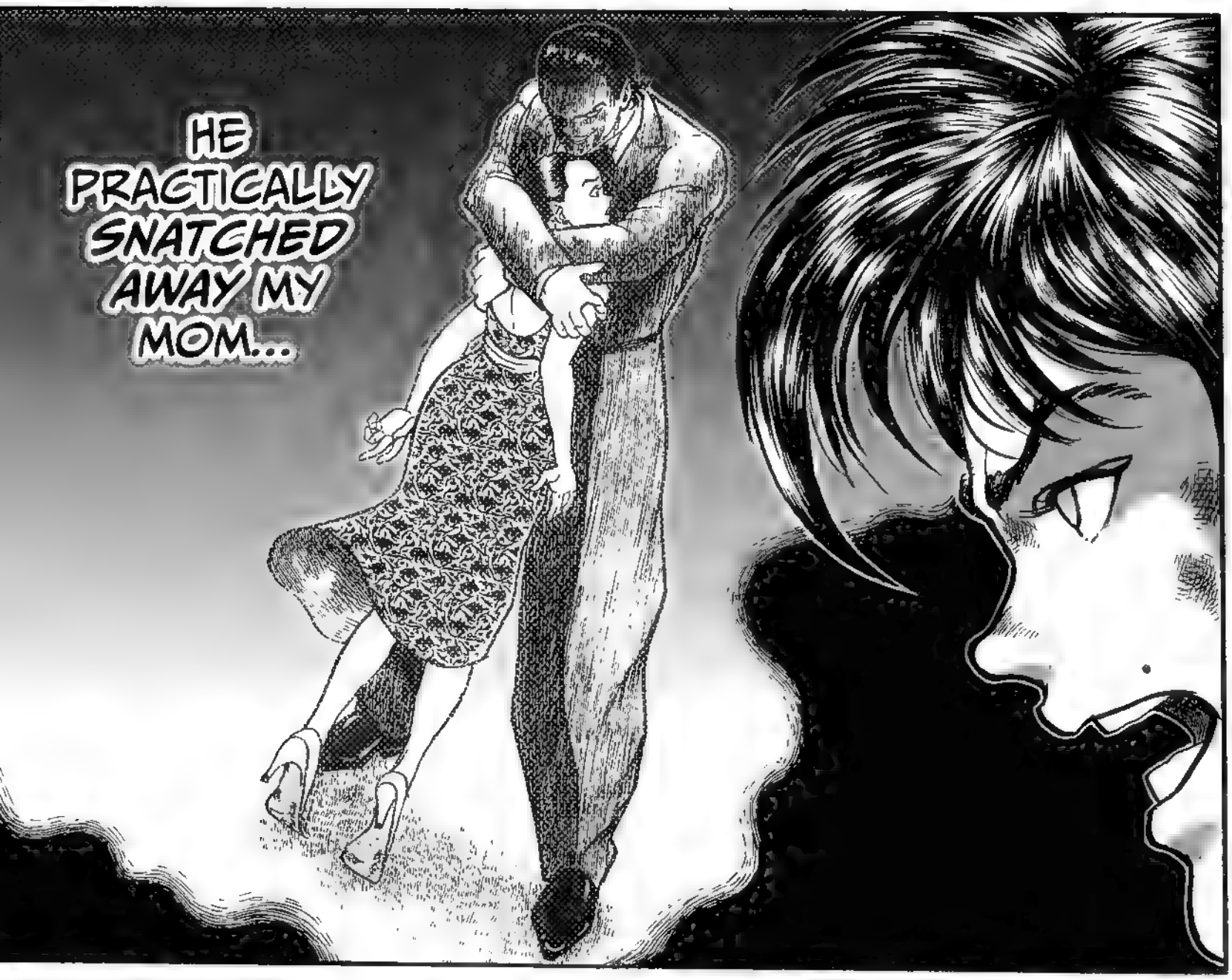
YUJIRO HANMA, AGE 19

WHOOO

GULP...



PECH


HE PRACTICALLY SNATCHED AWAY MY MOM...

...AND GAVE BIRTH TO ME.
...BEAR MY CHILD!

AND FOR THIRTEEN YEARS, I DID NOTHING BUT TRAIN AND FIGHT!!!
OWAH WHY, YOU!
...STRONGER!
...DOES "FIRST-CLASS" VEN MEAN?!
WITH ONE GOAL IN MIND.
TO SURPASS YUJIRO HANMA!!!

...I DIDN'T POSE THE SLIGHTEST THREAT TO HIM...
I'VE GOT SO STRONG
BUT IN THE END...
SHAA!

ドドドドド

...HE WAS THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN THE WORLD...

AND SO, EVEN THOUGH ...

...MY MOM CHALLENGED HIM TO A FIGHT.

JIROOO !!!

EVEN THOUGH SHE WAS A WOMAN...

'LL AKE YOU ON!!!

SHE DID IT FOR MY SAKE!!!

I SAID TOO MUCH...
HA HA...

IT'S STILL GOING ON...

THIS FIGHT IS FAR FROM OVER...

AND I'M GOING TO FACE *HIM* ONCE MORE...

LET'S GO.

SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

THIS IS A PRICEY RIDE, KID...

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MIYAKO TAXI

I'M NO MATCH FOR HIM...

#268 Friendship and Combat!!

...!!!

...

AERIAL ATTACKS WERE THOUGHT TO BE YU AMANAI'S FORTE!!!

BUT IN A SURPRISING TWIST, HE'S DRAGGED THE KARATEKA, DOPPO OROCHI, INTO A SUBMISSION MOVE!!!

ALLOW ME TO TEACH YOU WHAT I CAN DO WITH THESE LONG LIMBS OF MINE.

MASTER OROCHI.

ROLL

OOH! AMANAI ADDS A FIERCE TWIST!

HE FLIPPED HIM OVER!!!
...!!!
...!
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO UTILIZE ANY KARATE MOVES IN THAT POSITION!!!
DOPPO OROCHI IS FEELING THE PAIN!!!

NO WAY...

...!!!

BAM

BAM

ELBOW STRIKES !!!

THE GREAT OROCHI CAN'T EVEN DEFEND HIMSELF!!!

TH-THIS IS FEROCIOUS !!!

BAM

BAM

BAM

AND ANOTHER!

AND ANOTHER!

A SOLID HIT!

...!

AND ANOTHER!

AND ANOTHER!

...CHOOSING THE ACTIONS THEY DESIRE...

...MEANS DISCERNING THE DESIRES OF OTHERS...

IF FRIEND-SHIP...

AND ANOTHER!

AND YET ANOTHER!

DOPPO IS BLEEDING!!!

...SAID ACTIONS IN TURN...

...AND EXECUTING...

...THEN CONFLICT...

AAH!!!

...MUST BE THE OPPOSITE!!!

H-HE CAN REACH THAT FAR?!

WOO

YOU DISCERN THE ACTIONS YOUR FOE DISLIKES...

...AND THEN YOU...

...!!!

...CHOOSE SAID ACTIONS...

...EXECUTE THEM!!!

D-
DIRECTOR!

...!

MASTER
OROCHI...

PLEASE MAKE THE WISE CHOICE...

THERE ARE *NO* KARATE TECHNIQUES YOU CAN EXECUTE FROM THIS POSITION.

PLEASE SURRENDER.

MY SUPER-MAN...

MY...

...BUT THERE WON'T BE A SINGLE FLAW TO BE FOUND.

VIEW IT FROM ANY ANGLE, TRY IT AGAINST ANY PERSON...

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OROCHI-RYU KARATE IS FINALLY COMPLETE.

WHA
?!!!

WHAT JUST HAPPENED?!

AMANAI BROKE THE IMPREGNABLE SUBMISSION ON HIS OWN—

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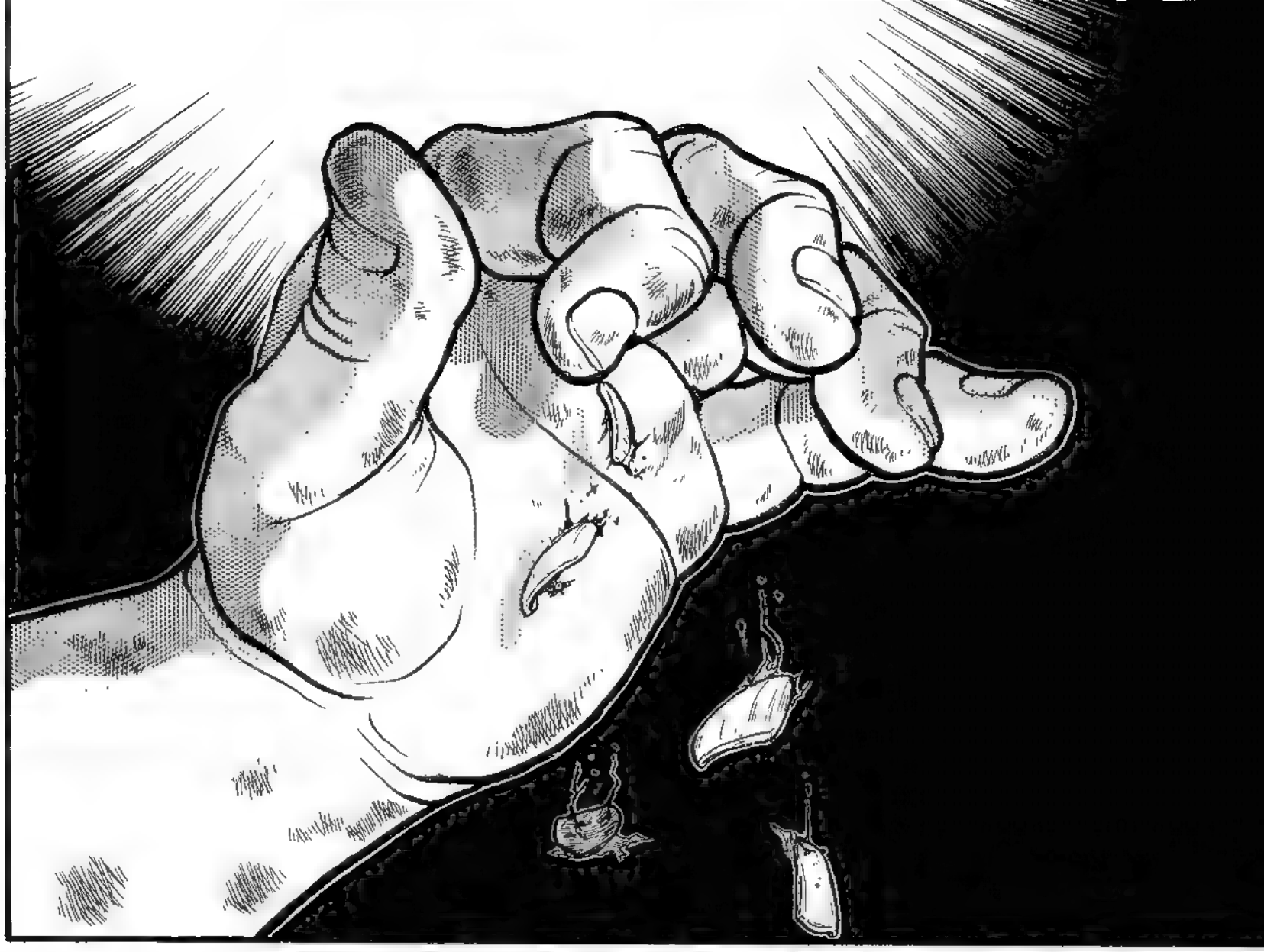
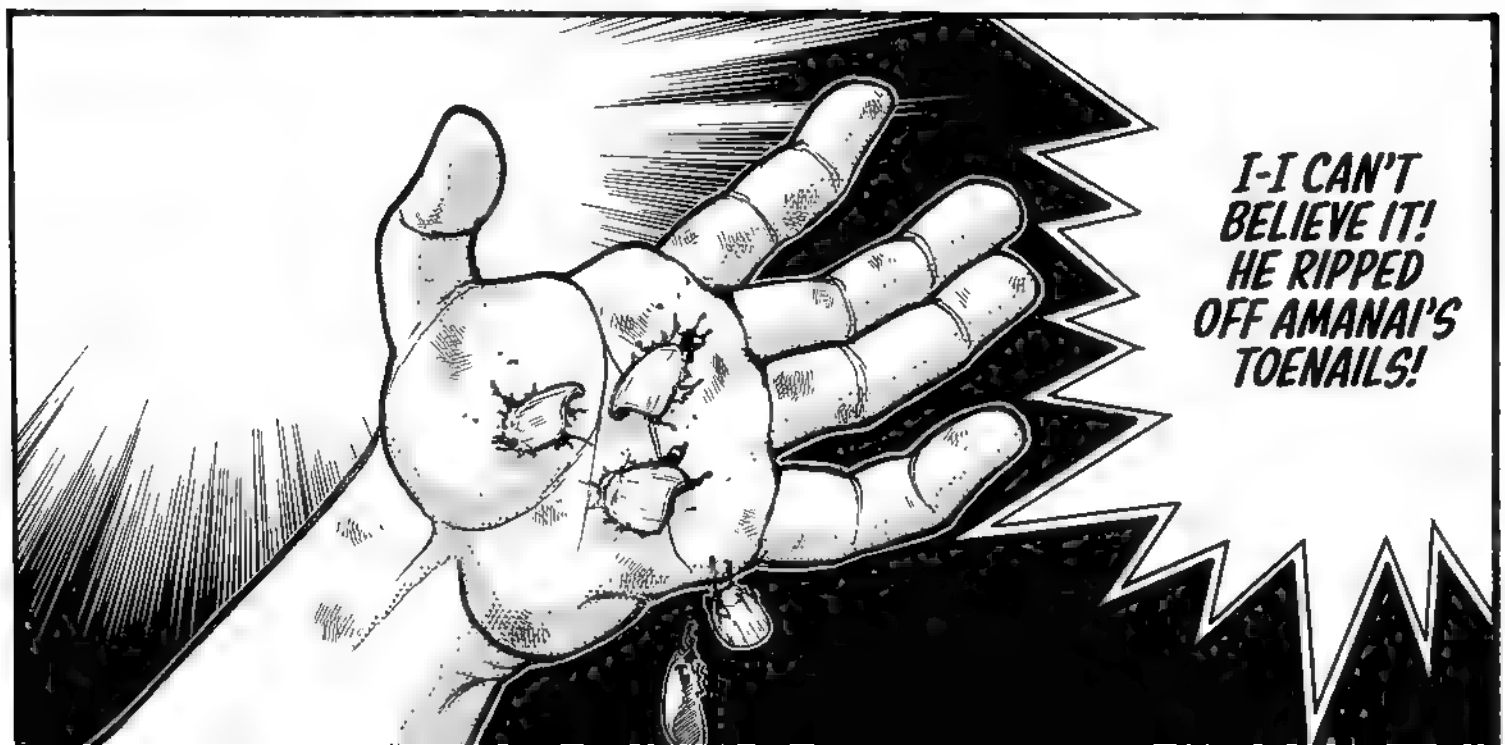
神心

HEY,
KIDDO.



DON'T LOOK DOWN ON KARATE.
TH-THOSE ARE NAILS!!!

#269 The Terror of Budo Karate!!



OROCHI THE MANEATER IS TERRIFYING!

DESPITE BEING HELD IN A POSITION IN WHICH HE COULD BARELY MOVE HIS LIMBS...

I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! HE RIPPED OFF AMANAI'S TOENAILS!

...!

SAY, OLD MAN TOKUGAWA.

WHAT'S THIS?!

DOPPO OROCHI IS WALKING AWAY FROM AMANAI...?!

...!

THE UNDERGROUND ARENA'S CATCHPHRASE IS "ANYTHING IS ALLOWED EXCEPT USING WEAPONS," RIGHT?

...!!!

WELL, I'M ABOUT TO *BREAK* THAT TABOO...

I'M SAYING THAT I'M ABOUT TO *USE A WEAPON.*

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN *KARATE AS A SPORT* AND *BUDO KARATE...*

MOTOBE ...

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THIS HAS GOT-TEN FUN.

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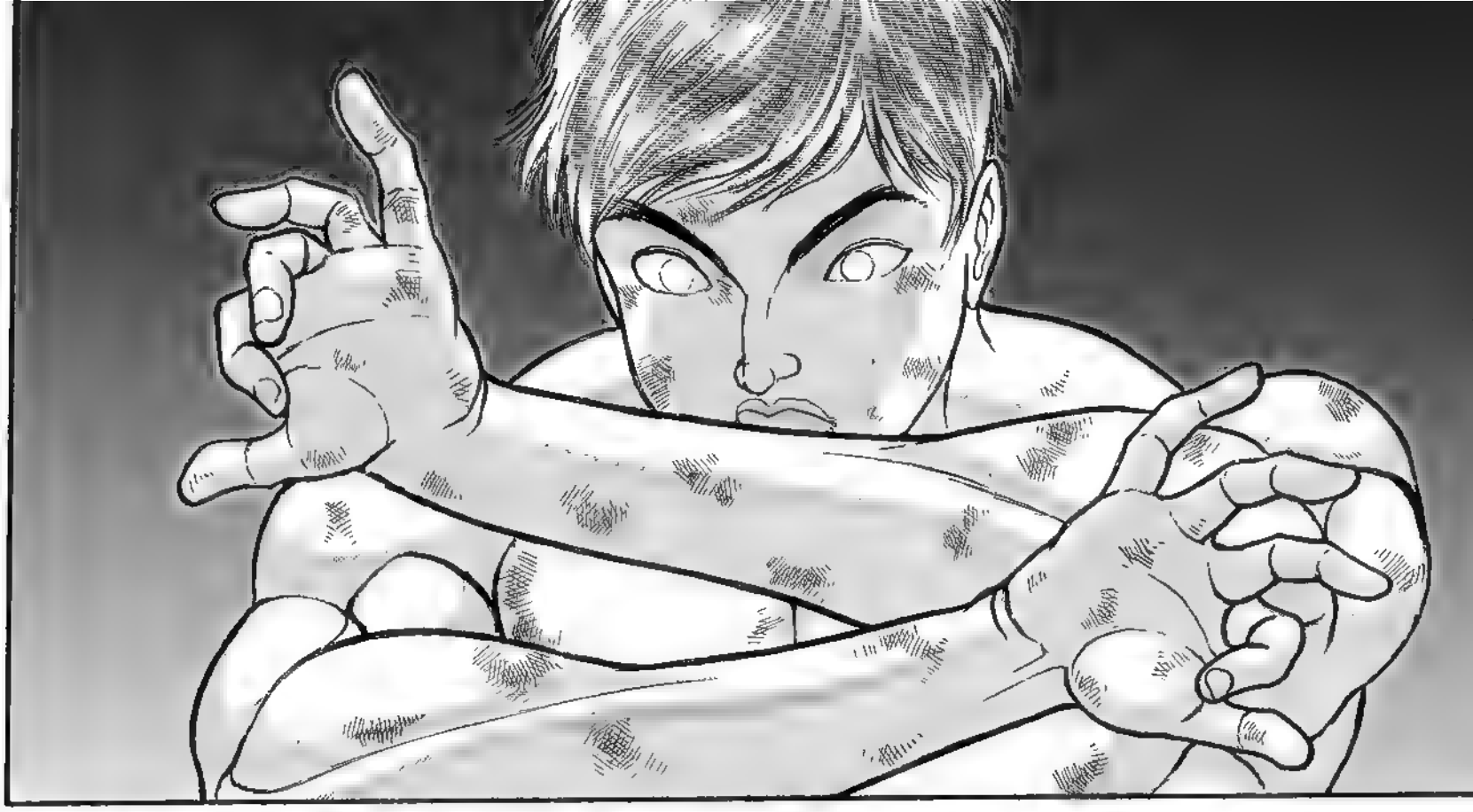
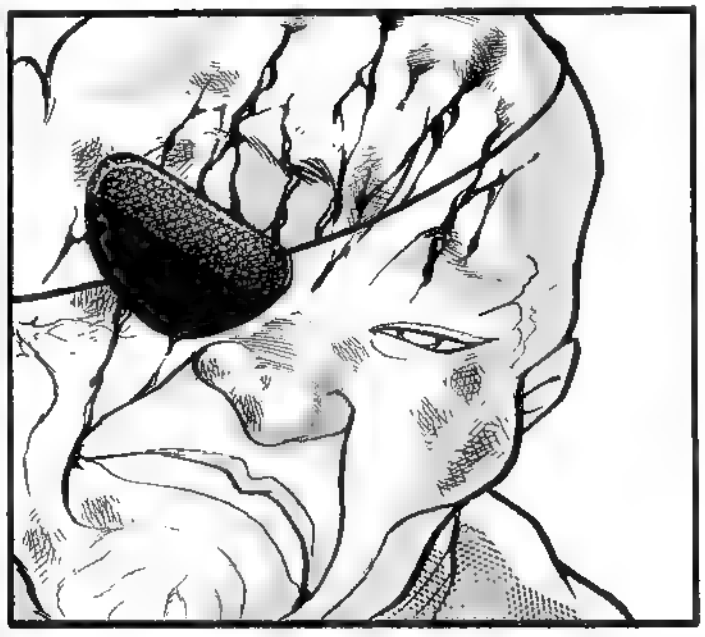
WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE WHAT MAKES PROPER KARATE SO SCARY.
THE TWO FACE OFF AGAIN!!!
WOOOO





BASH

I CAN'T BELIEVE HE DID THAT!

NO...

AN EYE POKE?!

IT'S A HARD STRIKE WITH THE BASE OF YOUR THUMB AND INDEX FINGER TO THE SPACE BETWEEN A PERSON'S NOSE AND EYEBROWS CALLED THE *ENDO*.

IT'S THE *KOKOUKEN*— THE *TIGER MOUTH FIST*.

IT ROBS A PERSON'S SIGHT AND COGNITION FOR A FEW MOMENTS...

PEW!

...JUST ENOUGH TO SET THEM UP FOR A DIRECT ATTACK.

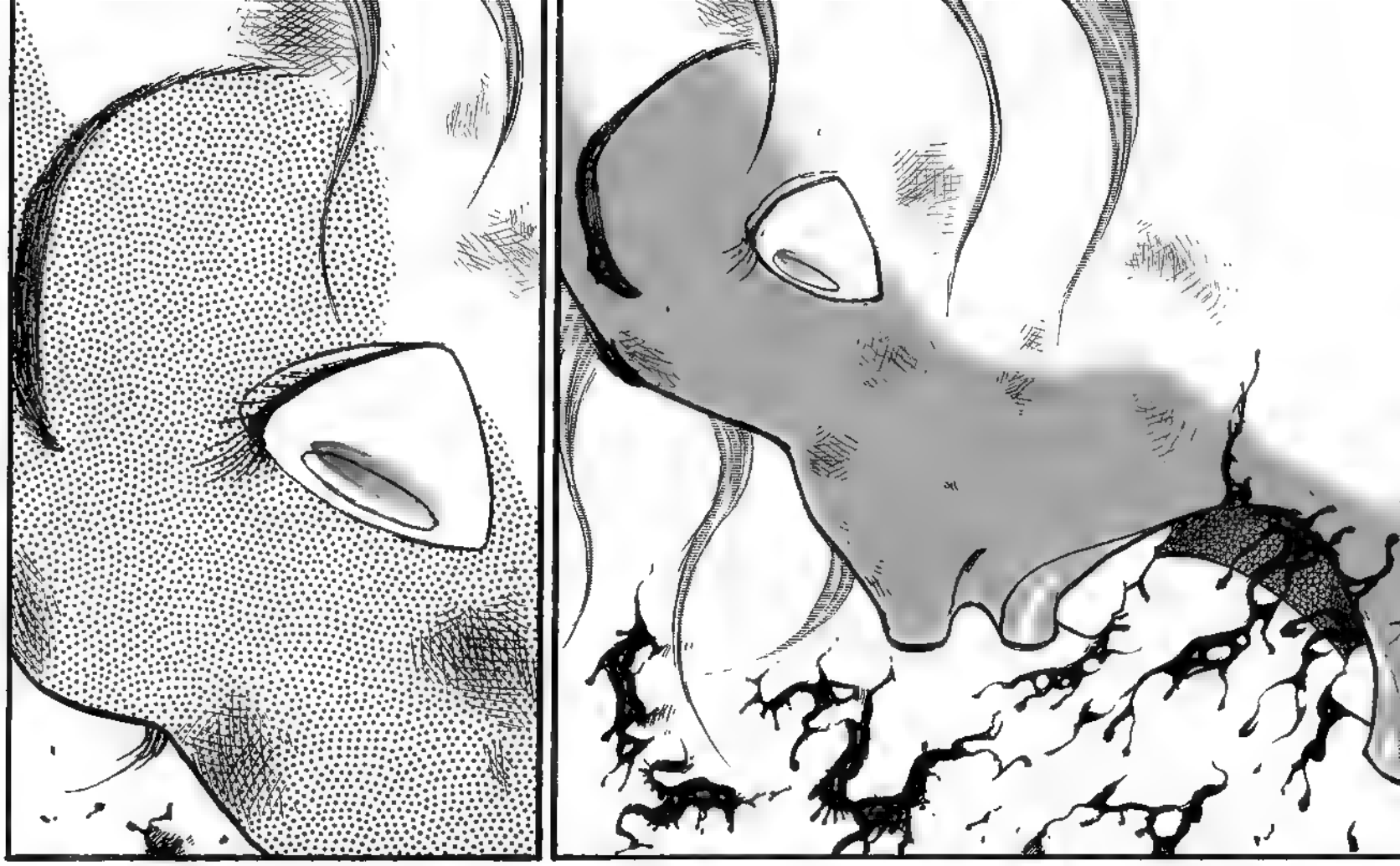
SHUNK

THE SOKUSEN-GERI.

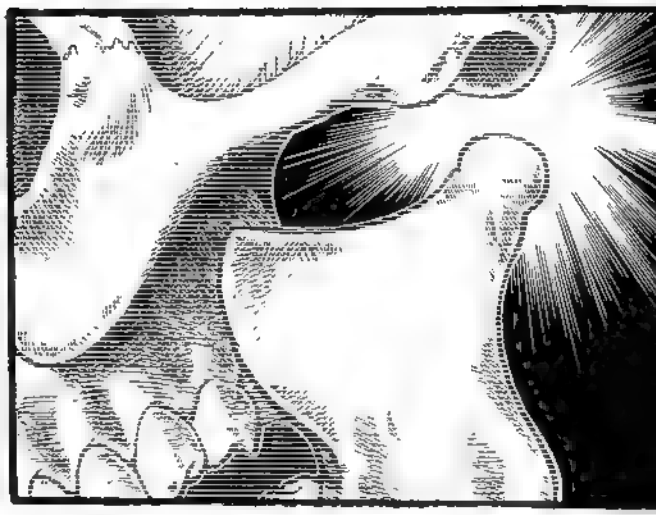
ALSO KNOWN AS THE *TOE-TIP KICK.* HE PIERCED HIS GUT WITH HIS WELL-TRAINED TOE-TIPS.

DOPPO'S TOES ARE AS SHARP AS A BLADED WEAPON.

IN OTHER WORDS, WHEREVER THAT KICK LANDS, IT TURNS INTO A WEAK SPOT.



FUMASATSU—
THE WIND RASP
KILLING.
NOW HIS JAW IS
DISLOCATED.



HE CAN DO IT! DOPPO HAS THIS IN THE BAG!!!

WOW! HE DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!

I CAN'T PICTURE YOU WINNING.

WHY ...?

WHAT'S THE PLAN NOW, KIDDO?

WELL...

虎

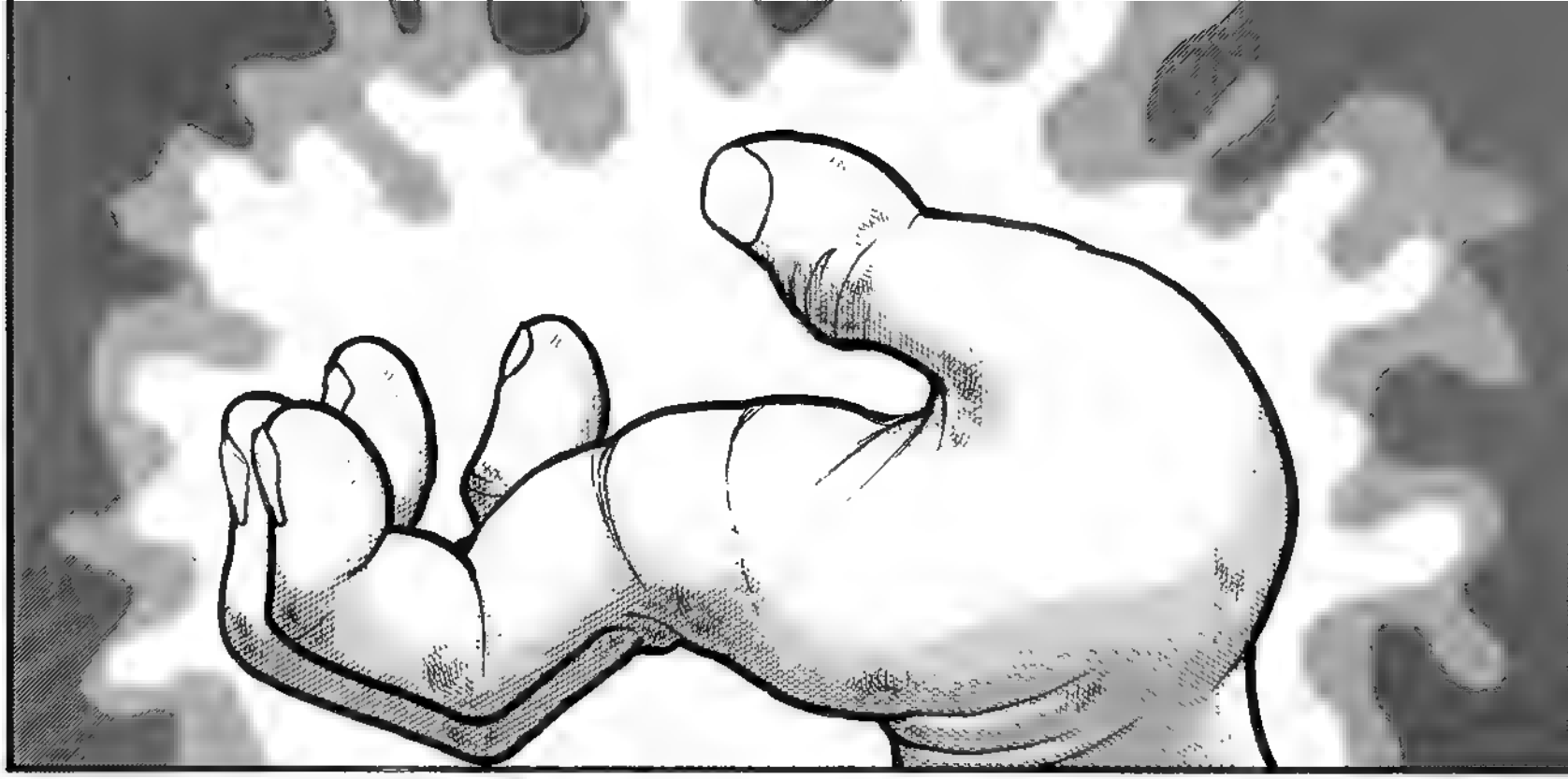
LOOK AT HIS WRIST.

YOU'RE ONE ARTLESS SON OF A BITCH...

...COMPARED TO SPORTS KARATE...

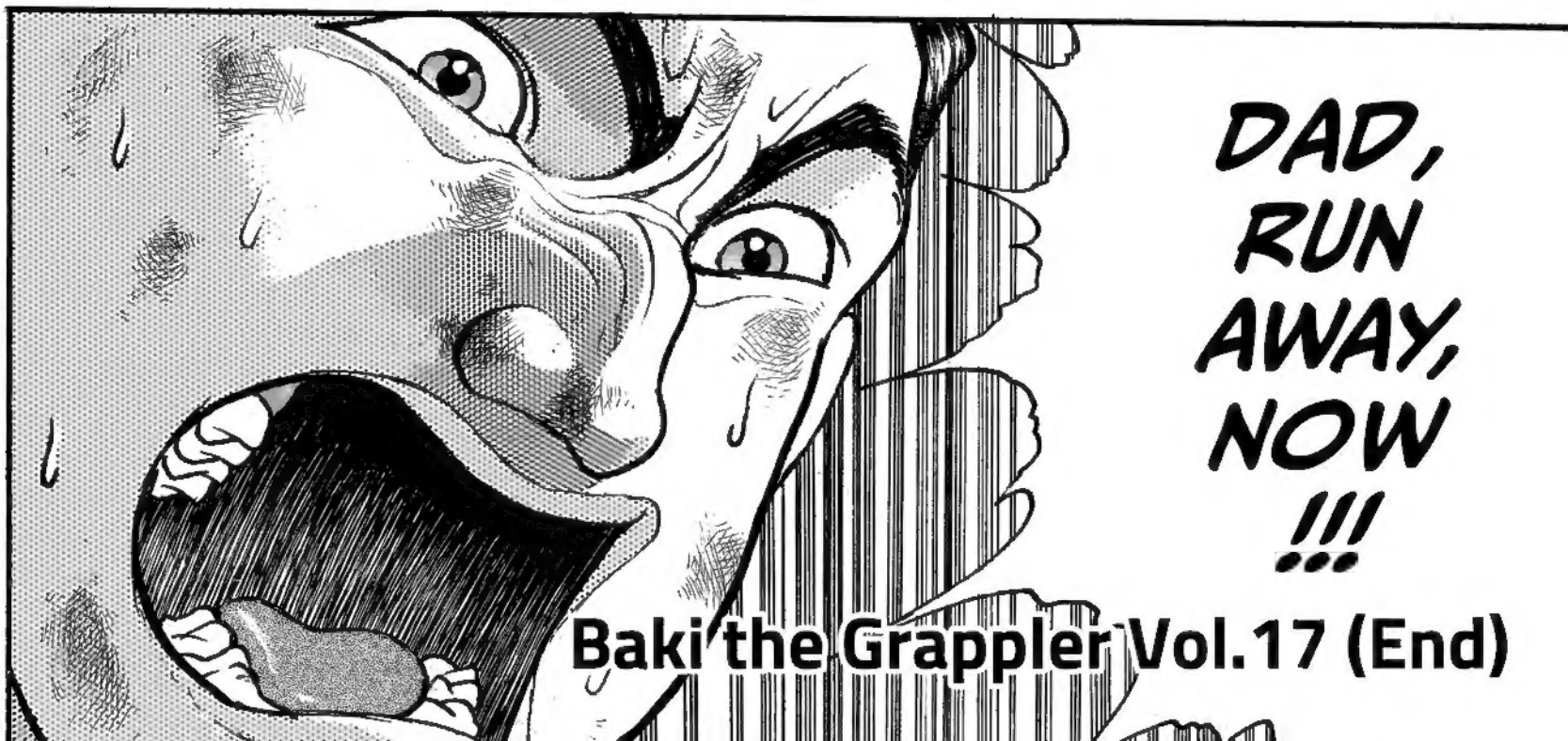
THE WAY YOU DEVELOP AND UTILIZE EVERYTHING FROM YOUR WRISTS AND ANKLES DOWN TO YOUR FINGERS AND TOES IN BUDO KARATE...

...STANDS OUT BY AND LARGE!!!



THE SEAMS OF HIS SKULL HAVE COME APART. IT'S OVER.

ROPPA-GAESHI— SIX WAVE RETURN.



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